

Critical Habitat Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Grants Awarded (2013-2015)

Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Grant Awarded
1	12-1133A	Rattlesnake Mountain ¹	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,500,000	Not Funded
2	12-1132A	Heart of the Cascades	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
3	12-1125A	Mountain View 4-0 and Hanson Ridge	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,600,000	\$4,600,000
4	12-1478A	Mid-Columbia	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$950,000	\$950,000
5	12-1127A	Okanogan Similkameen ²	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000
6	12-1137A	Rock Creek	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000	\$980,750
				\$15,650,000	\$11,130,750

¹Legislature did not approve funding for this project.

² Contingent upon consultation with the Okanogan County Board of Commissioners and approval from the Legislature.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Grant Awarded Resolution 2013-08

Project Number Types: A=Acquisition

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Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request
1	44.88	12-1133A	Rattlesnake Mountain	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,500,000
2	41.75	12-1132A	Heart of the Cascades	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,500,000
3	39.63	12-1125A	Mountain View 4-0 and Hanson Ridge	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$4,600,000
4	39.00	12-1478A	Mid-Columbia	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$950,000
5	34.63	12-1127A	Okanogan Similkameen	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$3,100,000
6	33.88	12-1137A	Rock Creek	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,000,000
					\$15,650,000

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Evaluation Summary (2013-2015)

Question		1	2	3	4	
Rank	Project Name	Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Species and Communities with Special Status	Manageability and Viability	Public Benefit	Total
1	Rattlesnake Mountain 2012	17.75	8.63	13.75	4.75	44.88
2	Heart of the Cascades 2012	16.50	8.88	12.50	3.88	41.75
3	Mountain View 4-0 and Hanson Ridge	15.88	8.13	11.75	3.88	39.63
4	Mid-Columbia 2012	15.75	8.50	11.25	3.50	39.00
5	Okanogan Similkameen 2012	14.75	6.75	10.00	3.13	34.63
6	Rock Creek 2012	13.00	7.38	10.50	3.00	33.88

Evaluators Score Questions 1-4.

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Protecting Rattlesnake Mountain

Grant Request: \$4,500,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to protect a nearly 14,000-acre, ecologically unique, shrub-steppe property on Rattlesnake Mountain. Conserving this much land offers a rare opportunity to protect habitat connectivity and buffer existing conservation lands. Hanford Reach National Monument and a department wildlife area protect the north side of the mountain and this purchase will protect a substantial portion of the south side. The land is home to Ferruginous hawks, which are listed by the state as threatened with extinction. The hawks live mostly in southeastern Washington, with less than 40 breeding pairs remaining. Wind turbines, houses, and vineyards are being built on the ridges and fields the hawks need for nesting and foraging. The land is home to other wildlife that are considered at risk of extinction, including burrowing owls, long-billed curlews, Townsend's ground squirrels, American badgers, black- and white-tailed jackrabbits, sage sparrows, sage thrashers, elk, and mule deer. Project support is diverse and includes Benton County, The Nature Conservancy, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Richland Rod and Gun Club, and Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society. For details, click [12-1133](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving the Heart of the Cascades

Grant Request: \$1,500,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 5,496 acres of forest and water habitat on the east slope of the central Cascade Mountains. The site is about 20 miles southwest of Ellensburg, between the LT Murray Wildlife Area to the east and the Okanogan Wenatchee National Forest to the west. The objective of the project is to buy a large swath of land rather than individual, separated parcels to make the property easier to manage and more beneficial to wildlife. The land provides breeding and foraging habitat for northern spotted owls and supports several large carnivore species. Conservation of these lands will protect the forests and water bodies in the central Cascades from damage caused by development. The first two phases of the project have purchased 10,386 acres, and this phase will secure a critical, remaining gap. For details, click [12-1132](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Protecting Hanson Ridge

Grant Request: \$4,600,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 3,669 acres of critical habitat in southern Asotin County. The land is adjacent to a U.S. Forest Service roadless area to the north and Bureau of Land Management land to the south. Completion of this project will connect protected land in the lower Grande Ronde watershed, from low elevation canyons to high elevation forests. Healthy, fully functioning habitat supports a large suite of animals, such as bull trout, Chinook salmon, Snake River steelhead, Rocky Mountain tailed frogs, golden eagles, Lewis' woodpeckers, flammulated owls, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, elk, mule deer, gray wolves, ruffed grouse, and dusky grouse. The land also has a diverse array of intact upland habitat, eastside grasslands, ponderosa pine, aspen stands, curlleaf mahogany, wetlands, basalt

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cliffs, and talus slopes. This is the second phase of the project. The first phase protected 2,180 acres. The total project includes portions of Wenatchee Creek, Cottonwood Creek, Cougar Creek, and shorelines of the Grande Ronde River. For details, click [12-1125](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Land for Sage Grouse and other Wildlife

Grant Request: \$950,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 3,405 acres of shrub-steppe habitat in Douglas County containing historic courtship areas, called lek sites, for sage grouse and sharp-tailed grouse. One of the most active sage grouse leks is a quarter-mile from the site, and an active sharp-tailed grouse lek is 3 miles away. Located in the heart of both statewide grouse populations, this project maintains a critical pathway connecting the two populations. Habitat connectivity is critical for the continued existence of these grouse species and a wide variety of animals dependent on shrub-steppe, such as Brewer's sparrows, sage thrashers, sage sparrows, white-tailed jackrabbits, and Washington ground squirrels. The land includes cliffs, talus, and seasonal wetlands. While the area is dominated by shrub-steppe habitat, there is great diversity within that type: Bunchgrass dominated expanses, dense sage cover, lithosol sites, and three-tip sagebrush/bluebunch wheatgrass associations. This project will provide the long-term protection of the quality habitats necessary for shrub-steppe dependent animals. For details, click [12-1478](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving the Similkameen River and Okanogan River Watershed

Grant Request: \$3,100,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to conserve about 700 acres of wildlife habitat including 1.5 miles of Similkameen River waterfront. The department will either buy the land or purchase a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement. The goal is to maintain the only low-elevation corridor linking the Columbia Basin with the remaining endangered shrub-steppe and grassland habitats in Canada. Connecting blocks of public land will ensure that wildlife can travel farther distances unimpeded. The land is home to 100 internationally recognized species at-risk of extinction. The purchase also enables the department to offer more areas for fishing, hunting, and watching wildlife. For details, click [12-1127](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Protecting Rock Creek for Wildlife

Grant Request: \$1,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 1,400 acres of the total 13,565 acres of upland and riparian habitats along Rock Creek in east Klickitat County. Rock Creek is the largest tributary of the Columbia River in Washington between the Klickitat and Walla Walla Rivers. The Rock Creek drainage represents one of the most diverse fish and wildlife habitats in south central Washington. The property supports a variety of species at risk of extinction, including steelhead, Chinook salmon, western gray squirrel, Lewis' woodpecker, mule and black-tailed deer, black-tailed jackrabbit, burrowing owl, golden eagle, western toad, and white alder. The Rock Creek basin is a mosaic of shrub-steppe, interior grassland, Oregon white

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oak, and ponderosa pine. The drainage is unique with the eastern edge of Oregon white oak habitat transitioning into interior shrub-steppe and grassland. The project is surrounded by large blocks of land owned by the Bureau of Land Management, Washington State, Yakama Nation, Western Pacific Timber Company, and The Nature Conservancy. This project is a unique opportunity to acquire a large, intact landscape from a single, willing seller to maintain riparian and upland habitat connectivity from the Columbia River to the crest of the Simcoe Mountains. For details, click [12-1137](#).



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1	12-1423A	Hedlin Farm	Skagit County	\$181,350	\$181,350	\$362,700	\$181,350
2	12-1500A	Harmony Farm	Skagit County	\$103,700	\$103,700	\$207,400	\$103,700
3	12-1531A	Cowiche Basin Rangelands	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$2,192,680	\$35,000	\$2,227,680	\$2,192,680
4	12-1496A	Curtis Farm	Skagit County	\$68,750	\$68,750	\$137,500	\$68,750
5	12-1499A	Egbers Farm	Skagit County	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$94,000	\$47,000
6	12-1463A	Trout Lake Valley Phase 2	Columbia Land Trust	\$1,114,785	\$1,114,785	\$2,229,570	\$1,114,785
7	12-1287C	Short Family Farm	Jefferson Land Trust	\$468,500	\$468,500	\$937,000	\$468,500
8	12-1538A	Schell Farmland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$351,100	\$351,100	\$702,200	\$351,100
9	12-1580A	Ebey's Reserve Farmland - 3 Sisters Family Farms	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
10	12-1516A	Michael Egbers Farm	Skagit County	\$48,600	\$48,600	\$97,200	\$48,600
11	12-1526A	Olson Family Farm	Skagit County	\$88,600	\$88,600	\$177,200	\$88,600
12	12-1498A	Nelson-Brand Farm	Skagit County	\$63,700	\$63,700	\$127,400	\$63,700
13	12-1493A	Fohn Land III	Skagit County	\$53,550	\$53,550	\$107,100	\$53,550
14	12-1497A	Nelson-Estes Farm	Skagit County	\$48,550	\$48,550	\$97,100	\$48,550
15	12-1495A	Stephen Johnson Farm	Skagit County	\$121,200	\$121,200	\$242,400	\$4,135
16	12-1494A	Todd Johnson Farm	Skagit County	\$53,550	\$53,550	\$107,100	Alternate
17	12-1572A	Funk Property	Whatcom County	\$77,500	\$77,500	\$155,000	Alternate
18	12-1217A	Hays Farmland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$177,900	\$177,900	\$355,800	Alternate
19	12-1224A	Robinette Ranch Conservation Easement	PCC Farmland Trust	\$92,500	\$93,500	\$186,000	Alternate
20	12-1225A	Sturgeon Farm Conservation Easement	PCC Farmland Trust	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$960,000	Alternate
21	12-1329A	Greene Ranch	Kittitas County	\$2,020,000	\$2,020,000	\$4,040,000	Alternate
22	12-1413A	Eldridge Addition	Whatcom County	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$55,000	Alternate
				\$8,381,015	\$6,224,335	\$14,605,350	\$5,335,000

¹ Match shown below will be lowered for partially funded projects.



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Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total Amount
1	115.70	12-1423A	Hedlin Farm	Skagit County	\$181,350	\$181,350	\$362,700
2	114.70	12-1500A	Harmony Farm	Skagit County	\$103,700	\$103,700	\$207,400
3	113.80	12-1531A	Cowiche Basin Rangelands	Washington State Conservation Commission	\$2,192,680	\$35,000	\$2,227,680
4	113.70	12-1496A	Curtis Farm	Skagit County	\$68,750	\$68,750	\$137,500
5	113.10	12-1499A	Egbers Farm	Skagit County	\$47,000	\$47,000	\$94,000
6	112.30	12-1463A	Trout Lake Valley Phase 2	Columbia Land Trust	\$1,114,785	\$1,114,785	\$2,229,570
7	111.00	12-1287C	Short Family Farm	Jefferson Land Trust	\$468,500	\$468,500	\$937,000
8	110.90	12-1538A	Schell Farmland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$351,100	\$351,100	\$702,200
9	110.80	12-1580A	Ebey's Reserve Farmland - 3 Sisters Family Farms	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
10	110.50	12-1516A	Michael Egbers Farm	Skagit County	\$48,600	\$48,600	\$97,200
11	110.20	12-1526A	Olson Family Farm	Skagit County	\$88,600	\$88,600	\$177,200
12	109.90	12-1498A	Nelson-Brand Farm	Skagit County	\$63,700	\$63,700	\$127,400
13	109.70	12-1493A	Fohn Land III	Skagit County	\$53,550	\$53,550	\$107,100
14	109.40	12-1497A	Nelson-Estes Farm	Skagit County	\$48,550	\$48,550	\$97,100
15	108.10	12-1495A	Stephen Johnson Farm	Skagit County	\$121,200	\$121,200	\$242,400
16	108.00	12-1494A	Todd Johnson Farm	Skagit County	\$53,550	\$53,550	\$107,100
17	106.00	12-1572A	Funk Property	Whatcom County	\$77,500	\$77,500	\$155,000
18	105.20	12-1217A	Hays Farmland	Okanogan Land Trust	\$177,900	\$177,900	\$355,800
19	104.20	12-1224A	Robinette Ranch Conservation Easement	PCC Farmland Trust	\$92,500	\$93,500	\$186,000
20	103.20	12-1225A	Sturgeon Farm Conservation Easement	PCC Farmland Trust	\$480,000	\$480,000	\$960,000
21	98.80	12-1329A	Greene Ranch	Kittitas County	\$2,020,000	\$2,020,000	\$4,040,000
22	98.10	12-1413A	Eldridge Addition	Whatcom County	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$55,000
					\$8,381,015	\$6,224,335	\$14,605,350

Project Number Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination

Farmland Preservation Projects Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Evaluation Summary (2013-2015)

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	
Rank	Project Name	Agricultural Values	Environmental Values	Community Values and Priorities	Other	Duration of Conveyance	Total
1	Hedlin Farm	56.60	18.40	11.30	9.40	20.00	115.70
2	Harmony Farm	57.60	16.60	11.00	9.50	20.00	114.70
3	Cowiche Basin Rangelands	56.10	19.60	10.30	7.80	20.00	113.80
4	Curtis Farm	56.30	16.70	11.10	9.60	20.00	113.70
5	Egbers Farm	56.10	16.90	10.60	9.50	20.00	113.10
6	Trout Lake Valley Phase 2	55.90	17.60	10.00	8.80	20.00	112.30
7	Short Family Farm	53.40	18.20	10.60	8.80	20.00	111.00
8	Schell Farmland	53.70	18.70	9.50	9.00	20.00	110.90
9	Ebey's Reserve Farmland - 3 Sisters Family Farms	55.20	16.60	11.00	8.00	20.00	110.80
10	Michael Egbers Farm	54.70	16.10	10.00	9.70	20.00	110.50
11	Olson Family Farm	54.20	16.90	10.20	8.90	20.00	110.20
12	Nelson-Brand Farm	54.50	16.50	10.00	8.90	20.00	109.90
13	Fohn Land III	54.20	16.00	10.30	9.20	20.00	109.70
14	Nelson-Estes Farm	54.00	16.40	10.00	9.00	20.00	109.40
15	Stephen Johnson Farm	53.50	16.40	10.10	8.10	20.00	108.10
16	Todd Johnson Farm	52.90	16.20	10.10	8.80	20.00	108.00
17	Funk Property	52.90	15.30	9.00	8.80	20.00	106.00
18	Hays Farmland	48.30	18.30	9.40	9.20	20.00	105.20
19	Robinette Ranch Conservation Easement	49.20	17.30	9.10	8.60	20.00	104.20
20	Sturgeon Farm Conservation Easement	50.10	16.50	9.10	7.50	20.00	103.20
21	Greene Ranch	50.10	14.70	8.60	5.40	20.00	98.80
22	Eldridge Addition	47.00	13.20	9.10	8.80	20.00	98.10

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-4; RCO Staff Scored 5.

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Skagit County **Conserving the Hedlin Farm**

Grant Request: \$181,350

Skagit County will use this grant to protect nearly 54 acres of the regionally and internationally important Hedlin Farm. The farm provides critical winter forage for migratory birds including snow geese, raptors, shorebirds, and swans and is next to Sullivan Slough, which is some of the best estuary habitat in the Skagit delta. The *Pacific Coast Joint Venture Strategic Plan* recommends protecting farms, such as the Hedlin Farm, that are near bays and estuaries as a way to ensure the long-term viability of migratory birds. Skagit County's population is estimated to almost double in the next 50 years. Pressure to convert farmland is increasing dramatically. The Hedlin Farm borders La Conner and the owners constantly receive inquiries about selling their land because of its spectacular views and desirable location. The Hedlin family has been farming the land for more than 100 years and has committed to preserving the agricultural and environmental heritage of the Skagit Valley. The Hedlin Farm is certified as Salmon Safe and was awarded the Vim Wright Stewardship Award for Farming and the Environment in 2008. Skagit County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$181,350 in conservation futures¹. For more details, click [12-1423](#).

Skagit County **Conserving a Dairy and Tulip Farm**

Grant Request: \$103,700

Skagit County will use this grant to protect 200 acres in the northern Skagit delta that supports a dairy and tulip farm. The Harmony Farm surrounds 80 acres already protected and the addition of this farm will create 280 acres of protected farmland. The land is home to one of the largest dairies in the county and is within the Pacific Flyway for many wintering birds such as trumpeter swans and snow geese. The winter fields often are planted with grasses that attract and feed these migrating birds. This is a multi-generational farm that has a history of success and diversification of crops that include wheat, corn, and the famous Skagit tulips. The county will protect the land that is east of Interstate 5, just south of Highway 20 and the Port of Skagit County, with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$103,700 in conservation futures.² For more details, click [12-1500](#).

¹ Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect farms.

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Washington State Conservation Commission Conserving Cowiche Basin Rangelands

Grant Request: \$2,192,680

The Washington State Conservation Commission, in cooperation with the North Yakima Conservation District, will use this grant to protect 4,516 acres of pasture. The land is west of Yakima, in the Cowiche and Reynolds Creek areas, and is used for grazing cows. The land also is home to many plants and animals listed as threatened and endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, including basalt daisy, sage grouse, and steelhead. Protecting the land from development will protect the water quality in the upper watershed, preserve vistas, and maintain hunting and other recreational opportunities, all of which bring money into the local community. The Conservation Commission will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains available for agricultural use forever. The preservation agreement allows the landowner to continue ranching and the government to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The Conservation Commission will contribute \$35,000 in donated labor. For more details, click [12-1531](#).

Skagit County Conserving the Curtis Farm

Grant Request: \$68,750

Skagit County will use this grant to protect 59.3 acres of the Curtis Farm, which dates back to the late 1800s. The land has prime soils and grows potatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, wheat, spinach, and beets. The beet seeds are shipped internationally, giving Skagit County worldwide recognition. Skagit County produces 6 percent of the world's beet seeds. This farm also is in the Pacific Flyway for migrating winter birds, such as trumpeter swans and snow geese, which stop at the farm to feed. The County will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$68,750 in conservation futures.³ For more details, click [12-1496](#).

Skagit County Conserving the Egbers Farm

Grant Request: \$47,000

Skagit County will use this grant to protect the 37-acre Egber Farm, which is along the main road to the annual tulip festival. Many large homes have been built along McLean Road, which runs between Mount Vernon and La Conner. The land is highly productive with rotating crops that include potatoes, corn, cucumbers, green chop, and peas. The smaller size of the farm makes it attractive to developers for single-family homes. This area of the Skagit Valley is in the Pacific Flyway, which is a migratory corridor for birds, and is the wintering grounds for trumpeter

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swans and snow geese. The County will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$47,000 in conservation futures.⁴ For more details, click [12-1499](#).

Columbia Land Trust Conserving Trout Lake Valley Farms

Grant Request: \$1,114,785

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to protect 288 acres on two organic dairy farms. The farmland is in the shadow of Mount Adams, along the wild and scenic White Salmon River in the Trout Lake valley in Klickitat County. The valley is ideal for agriculture because of an abundance of water, prime agricultural soils, temperate climate, and isolation from pollution. It has a rich history of agriculture since the 1880s. The valley is renowned for its beauty, productive farm and forestlands, abundant wildlife, and recreation. Those same features make it desirable for development. Development when mixed with farmland eventually eliminates farmland. Complaints of dust, noise, odors, traffic, trespassing, and water conflicts overwhelm farming. The grant will help preserve farming on one of the state's unique and valued farmland, forever protecting its rural landscape and economic viability. The land trust will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmers to continue farming and the land trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute more than \$1.1 million in donated property interest. For more details, click [12-1463](#).

Jefferson Land Trust Conserving the Short Family Farm and Wildlife Habitat

Grant Request: \$468,500

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to conserve the Short family farm south of Chimacum in Jefferson County. The farm contains 256 acres of pastureland, which includes nearly 1.5 miles of river. The land trust will preserve the prime soils of one of the largest operating farms in the fertile center valley and provide funding for the farmer to consolidate ownership of the property with family trust members. Zoning allows up to 10 additional homes, and nearby farms are being subdivided for houses. The farm maintains native manna grass, providing habitat for trumpeter swans. The river is used by migrating coho and steelhead. Many waterfowl species, raptors, and other wildlife use the farm. The highly visible, scenic vistas define the rural character of this area, and protection of the strategically located farm will enhance the viability of the agricultural community. The Short family has a long history of dairy and now grass-fed beef. The project builds on the land trust's agricultural land preservation, which already has conserved 290 acres in the center valley. The land trust will protect the land with a

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voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the land trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$468,500 in conservation futures⁵ and a federal grant. For more details, click [12-1287](#).

Okanogan Land Trust Conserving the Schell Farmland

Grant Request: \$351,100

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to protect 604 acres of farm and ranch land in the Okanogan Highlands near Havillah. The land trust will preserve prime and unique soils for agricultural use, and valuable and unusual habitat for wildlife. The ranch itself contributes significantly to the local agricultural industry with above average crop production because of its fertile soil, above average rain and snow, and a long history of sound farming practices. Because of its high elevation, the ranch has spectacular views in almost all directions and is under significant development pressure. This, combined with unusually easy county road access from three sides, makes it a prime target for subdivision. It could be sold off into 5-acre lots. The land trust will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains in agricultural use forever. The preservation agreement allows the landowners to continue farming and ranching and the land trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$351,100 from a federal grant, staff labor, and donated labor. For more details, click [12-1538](#).

Whidbey Camano Land Trust Conserving the 3 Sisters Family Farms in Ebey's Reserve

Grant Request: \$500,000

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 117 acres of farmland above Penn Cove on Whidbey Island. Four generations of the Muzzall family have made their full-time living farming on this centennial farm. Today, 3 Sisters Family Farms produces free-range beef, pork, and eggs. A wide variety of crops also have been grown on the farm, including seed crops, alfalfa, wheat, barley, corn, and produce. The land is in northern Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, which is renowned for its productive and culturally significant agricultural lands. This is the most critical farmland project in northern Ebey's Reserve, serving as an anchor for future protection of farmland threatened by expansion of the city of Oak Harbor. The threat of development is significant because of the location of the reserve, its scenic views, and its zoning. The land trust will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the land trust to protect more land from development because it is less

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expensive than buying the land outright. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will contribute \$500,000 from a federal grant and conservation futures.⁶ For more details, click [12-1580](#).

Skagit County **Conserving the M. Egbers Farm**

Grant Request: \$48,600

Skagit County will use this grant to protect the 38-acre M. Egbers farm, which is south of McLean Road, the major road between Mount Vernon and La Conner. The farm grows beets, cabbage, spinach, strawberries, cucumbers, potatoes, and wheat. It is in the central Skagit valley where seed crops are grown and shipped all over the world. Skagit County grows 6 percent of the world's beet seed. The soils are prime agriculture soils as indicated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The farm also is in the Pacific Flyway, a migratory corridor for birds, and trumpeter swans and snow geese stop there in the winter. The spectacular views to the west of the Cascades Mountains and of the tulip fields surrounding the farm make this land attractive to developers. There have been offers on this farm to sell it but the farmer would like to keep the farm intact. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$48,600 in conservation futures.⁷ For more details, click [12-1516](#).

Skagit County **Conserving the Olson Family Farm**

Grant Request: \$88,600

Skagit County will use this grant to protect 68 acres of the Olson family farm. The farm is east of Interstate 5 on the edge of Mount Vernon and on Britt Slough. The landowners grow potatoes, wheat, corn, peas, seed crops, nursery stock, and pasture for cows. The slough and a small wetland provide some habitat to nesting birds. The Olson family farm is susceptible to development because of its closeness to city services, small size, and views. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$88,600 in conservation futures.⁸ For more details, click [12-1526](#).

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Skagit County **Conserving the Nelson-Brand Farm**

Grant Request: \$63,700

Skagit County will use this grant to protect 53 acres of the Nelson-Brand Farm, which is on the La Conner Whitney Road just south of Highway 20. The farm is next to other property protected in the County's Farmland Legacy program. The farm has prime agriculture soils as determined by the federal government, and grows grain, pasture for cows, potatoes, peas, and corn. The Nelsons are one of the largest potato farmers in the valley with several thousand acres and more than 1,000 acres protected permanently. The farm also is in the Pacific Flyway, which is a migratory corridor for birds, and has lots of traffic during the annual Tulip Festival. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$63,700 in conservation futures.⁹ For more details, click [12-1498](#).

Skagit County **Conserving the Fohn Family Farm**

Grant Request: \$53,550

Skagit County will use this grant to protect the 40-acre Fohn family farm in the heart of the Skagit delta. The farm has expansive views and an easement that allows a road to be built from the land to the main road. If the land is not protected, a house and access road could be built in the middle of the farmlands. The County's goal is to keep houses out of the farmland and avoid the inevitable conflicts that occur between farming and development. The farm is primarily a dairy and grows grass, green chop, potatoes, spinach, and corn for cows. Skagit County is an international supplier of vegetable seeds. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$53,550 in conservation futures.¹⁰ For more details, click [12-1493](#).

Skagit County **Conserving the Nelson-Estes Farm**

Grant Request: \$48,550

Skagit County will use this grant to conserve the 40-acre Nelson-Estes farm, which is in the Samish River basin near the base of Chuckanut Mountains. The farm is part of one of the largest farms in the Skagit valley. Several hundred acres already are protected in perpetuity surrounding the Nelson-Estes Farm, making it one of the last properties to be protected. Most of the

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protected land is owned by the Nelsons. The Nelsons are one of the largest potato farmers in the valley with several thousand acres, 1,000 of which are protected in perpetuity. The farm has prime agricultural soils, as determined by the federal government, and grows grain, potatoes, peas, and corn. The Samish basin is the focus of a statewide effort to enhance the water quality of the Samish River before it enters Samish Bay. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$48,550 in conservation futures.¹¹ For more details, click [12-1497](#).

Skagit County

Grant Request: \$121,200

Conserving the Stephen Johnson Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to preserve more than 25 acres of the Stephen Johnson Farm, which is what remains of the original Tillinghast Farm and Seed Company dating back to before the turn of the century. The Johnson family has been farming in the Skagit valley since President Grant awarded the family a letter of ownership for taking up farming in the area. The land was divided years ago leaving two developable lots bordering La Conner. Mr. Johnson has decided to keep this farm from being developed further. This productive farm is on Sullivan Slough, which provides extensive wildlife habitat. The soils are prime agricultural soils as identified by the federal government and grow cabbage, cucumbers, beets, spinach, wheat, potatoes, and seed crops. This property is highly susceptible to development because of its closeness to La Conner and desirable lot sizes. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$121,200 in conservation futures.¹² For more details, click [12-1495](#).

Skagit County

Grant Request: \$53,550

Conserving the Todd Johnson Farm as a Buffer to Mount Vernon

Skagit County will use this grant to protect a 29-acre farm on the Mount Vernon border, preserving a buffer between the city and farmlands beyond. Todd Johnson has followed his father's footsteps as he continues to buy his own lands and farm them. He grows specialty vegetable seed crops, wheat, potatoes, and corn. He sells the seed crops internationally. The farm is desirable for residential development because of its small size and views of Mount Baker. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue

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farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Skagit County will contribute \$53,550 in conservation futures.¹³ For more details, click [12-1494](#).

Whatcom County Conserving the Funk Property

Grant Request: \$77,500

Whatcom County will use this grant to conserve 38 acres, known as the Funk Property. The land has prime soils as determined by the federal government. The Dakota Creek borders this property on both the north and south. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Whatcom County will contribute \$77,500 in conservation futures.¹⁴ For more details, click [12-1572](#).

Okanogan Land Trust Conserving Hays Ranch

Grant Request: \$177,900

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to conserve 337 acres of the Hays Ranch, which is on the upper reach of Nine Mile Creek and borders Canada in the Okanogan Highlands east of Oroville. The land is used only for light grazing part of each summer. It has high soil quality and large water rights unusual for the Highlands area. Nine Mile Creek is used by native redband trout, sharp-tail grouse, and migrating fish. Conditions of the river at the Hays Ranch are important to their health. The land trust will protect the ranch with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains in agricultural use forever. The preservation agreement allows the landowner to continue ranching and the land trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The land trust will contribute \$177,900 from a federal grant, staff labor, and donated labor. For more details, click [12-1217](#).

PCC Farmland Trust Conserving the Robinette Ranch

Grant Request: \$92,500

Collaborating with Ducks Unlimited, the PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to conserve 110 acres of the Lazy R Ranch, 5 miles outside Cheney, near the intersection of Interstate 90 and State Route 902. The land is pristine rangeland and is used for grazing. The trust will protect the land with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains in agricultural use forever. The preservation agreement allows the landowner to continue ranching and the trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright.

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The preservation agreement will protect the farm from future subdivision for houses, protecting both soils of statewide importance and priority migratory bird habitat. The land consists of an 85-acre, open meadow surrounded by shrub-steppe and ponderosa pine rangeland. Animals using the land include bald eagle, spotted sandpiper, and chirping sparrow. In addition, the aquatic plant water howellia, which is listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act, is found on the property. The PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$93,500 from a federal grant and cash donations. For more details, click [12-1224](#).

PCC Farmland Trust Conserving the Sturgeon Farm

Grant Request: \$480,000

The PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to conserve 95 acres of prime farmland in the Puyallup River valley, some of the most threatened agricultural land in Washington. The farm is near Orting, near the intersection of State Route 162 and Orville Road. The trust will protect the agricultural values of this property, including the prime soils, size, water rights, location to market, and location next to 100 acres of the conserved Orting Valley Farms. In addition, this project will seek to protect the ecological features on the property, including a tributary of the Puyallup River, which was used by salmon species. This property is on the market, and has pending permits for subdivision. The trust will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains farmland forever. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the trust to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. The PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$480,000 from a federal grant and cash donations. For more details, click [12-1225](#).

Kittitas County Conserving Greene Ranch

Grant Request: \$2,020,000

Kittitas County and Forterra will use this grant to buy up to 276 acres of prime farmland west of Ellensburg. The property consists of three legal parcels known as Greene, Teanaway Ridge, and Palomino. The land has prime soils and is used for farming hay. Salmon-bearing Reecer and Currier Creeks run through the center of the land. The landowner is planning to build 108 homes on the land, but is interested in keeping the property in farmland. The County will protect the ranch with a voluntary, land preservation agreement, ensuring the land remains in agricultural use forever. The preservation agreement allows the landowner to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Kittitas County will contribute more than \$2 million from federal and local grants and staff labor. For more details, click [12-1329](#).

Whatcom County Conserving the Eldridge Farm

Grant Request: \$27,500

Whatcom County will use this grant to conserve 11 acres, known as the Eldridge property. The landowner already has 31 acres conserved using voluntary, land preservation agreements, which

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ensure the land will stay in farming. The Eldridge Farm is near the intersection of South Pass and Leibrant Roads, east of the town of Nooksack. It is adjacent to an area zoned for agriculture but is zoned for rural development, making it vulnerable to development in the future. The County will protect the farm with a voluntary, land preservation agreement. The preservation agreement allows the farmer to continue farming and the County to protect more land from development because it is less expensive than buying the land outright. Whatcom County will contribute \$27,500 in conservation futures.¹⁵ For more details, click [12-1413](#).

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Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Grants Awarded (2013-2015)

Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match ¹	Total	Grant Awarded
1	12-1464D	Evergreen Rotary Inclusive Playground	Bremerton	\$211,350	\$211,350	\$422,700	\$211,350
2	12-1509D	Gig Harbor PlayZone Integrated Playground	Gig Harbor	\$180,000	\$181,200	\$361,200	\$180,000
3	12-1227D	Chehalis Pool Renovation	Chehalis	\$250,000	\$530,340	\$780,340	\$250,000
4	12-1536D	City Park Play and Spray Area Revitalization	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$791,653	\$1,291,653	\$500,000
5	12-1547D	Rotary Park Redevelopment	Bainbridge Island Park District	\$500,000	\$585,740	\$1,085,740	\$500,000
6	12-1085D	Senator Henry M. Jackson Park Renovation	Everett	\$500,000	\$633,000	\$1,133,000	\$500,000
7	12-1401D	Wilkeson Skatepark	Wilkeson	\$55,400	\$55,598	\$110,998	\$55,400
8	12-1239D	Harry Gardner Park Amenities	Cowlitz County	\$46,850	\$49,220	\$96,070	\$46,850
9	12-1152D	Sam Benn Park Renovation Phase 2	Aberdeen	\$112,743	\$114,744	\$227,487	\$112,743
10	12-1123D	Winthrop Ice Rink Phase 2	Winthrop	\$497,000	\$498,000	\$995,000	\$497,000
11	12-1086D	Mount Vernon Skagit Riverwalk Park	Mount Vernon	\$500,000	\$511,500	\$1,011,500	\$500,000
12	12-1254D	South Kitsap Regional Park-Expansion	Kitsap County	\$132,500	\$132,500	\$265,000	\$132,500
13	12-1270D	Pinnacle Peak Trailhead Development	King County	\$188,000	\$190,435	\$378,435	\$89,193
13	12-1383D	Mason County Recreation Area Infield Renovation	Mason County	\$285,000	\$290,000	\$575,000	\$135,214
15	12-1204D	Swan Creek Park	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	Alternate
16	12-1200D	Cashmere Riverside Park Improvements	Cashmere	\$257,000	\$257,000	\$514,000	Alternate
17	12-1043C	Saddle Rock Access and Outdoor Education Area ³	Wenatchee	\$450,000	\$489,531	\$939,531	Not Funded
18	12-1053D	Crow Butte Park Play Structure	Port of Benton	\$94,835	\$94,840	\$189,675	Alternate
18	12-1271D	Redmond Ridge Synthetic Turf Ball Field	King County	\$500,000	\$700,000	\$1,200,000	Alternate
20	12-1020D	Cirque/Bridgeport Park Restrooms	University Place	\$143,335	\$143,335	\$286,670	Alternate
21	12-1044A	Lower Castle Rock Acquisition	Wenatchee	\$286,000	\$300,000	\$586,000	\$286,000
22	12-1234D	Grass Lawn Park Soccer Field and Track Renovation	Redmond	\$347,500	\$347,500	\$695,000	Alternate
23	12-1525A	Huse/Soos Creek Property Acquisition	Kent	\$834,725	\$834,725	\$1,669,450	\$834,725
24	12-1396D	Sandhill Park Fields #1 and #2 Development	Mason County	\$160,000	\$166,900	\$326,900	Alternate
25	12-1021D	Sunset Terrace Park Restroom	University Place	\$48,750	\$48,750	\$97,500	Alternate
26	12-1197A	Anderson Acquisition	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$483,350	\$483,350	\$966,700	\$483,350
27	12-1405D	Barnum Point Park Development	Island County	\$211,680	\$258,720	\$470,400	Alternate
28	12-1041D	Squalicum Creek Park Phase 3	Bellingham	\$500,000	\$2,340,096	\$2,840,096	Alternate
29	12-1203A	Cougar Creek Woods Park Acquisition	Vancouver	\$558,391	\$558,391	\$1,116,781	\$558,391

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30	12-1559C	Trillium Community Forest	Island County	\$1,000,000	\$2,086,100	\$3,086,100	\$718,000
31	12-1491A	John Ball Park Acquisition	Vancouver	\$224,853	\$224,854	\$449,707	\$224,853
32	12-1096D	Paul Powers Park Development ²	Port Orchard	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$500,000	Not Funded
33	12-1543D	Moshier Regional Sports Field Restroom Replacement	Burien	\$255,780	\$255,780	\$511,560	Alternate
34	12-1854A	Yakima River Waterfront Park	West Richland	\$245,000	\$254,941	\$499,941	\$245,000
35	12-1569D	Liberty Lake Town Square Park	Liberty Lake	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$850,000	Alternate
35	12-1244D	Island Crest Park Field Renovation	Mercer Island	\$338,000	\$338,000	\$676,000	Alternate
37	12-1548D	South End Recreation Area Campus Sprayground and Restroom	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$1,447,477	\$1,947,477	Alternate
38	12-1579D	Seahurst Park Recreational Development	Burien	\$356,000	\$356,000	\$712,000	Alternate
39	12-1320A	Central WA Regional Soccer Complex Acquisition ³	Yakima	\$500,000	\$698,000	\$1,198,000	Not Funded
40	12-1466A	Chinook Park Acquisition	Vancouver	\$160,583	\$160,583	\$321,166	\$160,583
41	12-1186D	Seki Shoreline Access and Wildlife Viewing	Clallam County	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$118,000	Alternate
42	12-1477D	Spurrell Dock Canopy ²	South Bend	\$90,900	\$111,100	\$202,000	Not Funded
43	12-1092D	McCormick Village Park ²	Port Orchard	\$340,000	\$355,000	\$695,000	Not Funded
44	12-1229A	Capitol Olympic Vista Park	Olympia	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$199,348
				\$15,079,525	\$21,320,253	\$36,399,777	\$7,420,500

¹ Match shown below will be lowered for partially funded projects.

² Grant applicant did not have required match.

³ The grant applicant withdrew the project.

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1	63.89	12-1464D	Evergreen Rotary Inclusive Playground	Bremerton	\$211,350	\$211,350	\$422,700
2	59.22	12-1509D	Gig Harbor PlayZone Integrated Playground	Gig Harbor	\$180,000	\$181,200	\$361,200
3	56.50	12-1227D	Chehalis Pool Renovation	Chehalis	\$250,000	\$530,340	\$780,340
4	53.67	12-1536D	City Park Play and Spray Area Revitalization	Edmonds	\$500,000	\$791,653	\$1,291,653
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39	33.61	12-1320A	Central WA Regional Soccer Complex Acquisition	Yakima	\$500,000	\$698,000	\$1,198,000
40	32.11	12-1466A	Chinook Park Acquisition	Vancouver	\$160,583	\$160,583	\$321,166
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Local Parks Projects
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Evaluation Summary (2013-2015)

Question		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Rank	Project Name	Public Need	Project Scope	Project Design Development	Project Design Combination	Immediacy of Threat Acquisition	Immediacy of Threat Combination	Site Suitability Acquisition	Site Suitability Combination	Expansion / Renovation	Project Support	Cost Efficiencies	GMA Compliance	Population Proximity	Total
1	Evergreen Rotary Inclusive Playground	14.33	14.67	14.00						4.67	9.33	3.89	0.00	3.00	63.89
2	Gig Harbor PlayZone Integrated Playground	14.33	12.33	12.33						4.22	8.89	4.11	0.00	3.00	59.22
3	Chehalis Pool Renovation	13.33	13.00	11.67						4.11	9.11	3.78	0.00	1.50	56.50
4	City Park Play and Spray Area Revitalization	12.00	11.67	13.00						4.00	7.33	2.67	0.00	3.00	53.67
5	Rotary Park Redevelopment	9.00	11.67	12.33						4.33	8.67	4.33	0.00	3.00	53.33
6	Senator Henry M. Jackson Park Renovation	10.67	12.00	11.00						4.00	8.44	2.22	0.00	3.00	51.33
7	Wilkeson Skatepark	13.00	10.33	10.67						3.56	8.00	3.67	0.00	1.50	50.72
8	Harry Gardner Park Amenities	11.67	11.33	10.00						4.00	7.78	4.22	0.00	0.00	49.00
9	Sam Benn Park Renovation Phase 2	10.67	11.67	11.33						3.56	6.89	3.22	0.00	1.50	48.83
10	Winthrop Ice Rink Phase 2	11.33	11.00	11.00						4.22	8.00	3.22	0.00	0.00	48.78
11	Mount Vernon Skagit Riverwalk Park	11.00	10.67	12.00						2.78	8.00	2.22	0.00	1.50	48.17
12	South Kitsap Regional Park Expansion	9.67	10.33	11.00						4.00	7.11	4.00	-1.00	3.00	48.11
13	Pinnacle Peak Trailhead Development	12.00	11.00	10.67						3.78	6.22	2.56	0.00	1.50	47.72
13	Mason County Recreation Area Infield Renovation	10.33	10.33	12.33						3.89	6.67	2.67	0.00	1.50	47.72
15	Swan Creek Park	11.00	11.00	10.00						3.00	6.89	2.33	0.00	3.00	47.22
16	Cashmere Riverside Park Improvements	11.33	10.67	9.67						3.78	8.22	3.44	0.00	0.00	47.11

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17	Saddle Rock Access and Outdoor Education Area	10.33	10.00		5.00		2.56		1.56	3.22	8.67	4.00	0.00	1.50	46.83
18	Crow Butte Park Play Structure	11.33	11.33	11.67						3.67	6.00	1.89	0.00	0.00	45.89
18	Redmond Ridge Synthetic Turf Ball Field	10.00	11.33	10.00						3.67	6.00	1.89	0.00	3.00	45.89
20	Cirque/Bridgeport Park Restrooms	11.00	9.67	10.33	0.00					3.44	6.22	1.67	0.00	3.00	45.33
21	Lower Castle Rock Acquisition	9.00	9.33			7.33		3.22		2.44	8.00	4.44	0.00	1.50	45.28
22	Grass Lawn Park Soccer Field and Track Renovation	9.33	10.00	10.33						3.33	6.89	2.33	0.00	3.00	45.22
23	Huse/Soos Creek Property Acquisition	10.33	10.33	0.00		6.44		3.67		2.44	6.44	2.22	0.00	3.00	44.89
24	Sandhill Park Fields #1 and #2 Development	9.33	10.67	11.67						3.67	6.67	2.78	0.00	0.00	44.78
25	Sunset Terrace Park Restroom	11.33	10.00	10.33						2.67	5.56	1.67	0.00	3.00	44.56
26	Anderson Acquisition	9.67	10.00			7.56		4.44		3.33	6.44	1.44	0.00	1.50	44.39
27	Barnum Point Park Development	11.00	10.00	10.00						2.56	7.11	3.11	-1.00	1.50	44.28
28	Squalicum Creek Park Phase 3	9.33	8.33	11.33						3.56	8.00	1.44	0.00	1.50	43.50
29	Cougar Creek Woods Park Acquisition	10.33	10.33		0.00	6.22		3.78		2.67	5.78	0.89	0.00	3.00	43.00
30	Trillium Community Forest	7.33	9.00		4.50	0.00	3.11		2.06	2.44	8.22	4.00	-1.00	1.50	41.17
31	John Ball Park Acquisition	9.33	11.00			5.78		4.11		1.56	4.67	1.11	0.00	3.00	40.56
32	Paul Powers Parrk Development	10.00	8.67	8.33						3.33	5.11	1.89	0.00	3.00	40.33

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33	Moshier Regional Sports Field Restroom Replacement	9.67	9.00	9.33						3.33	4.67	1.11	0.00	3.00	40.11
34	Yakima River Waterfront Park	10.00	8.33			6.22		3.00		2.33	6.44	2.22	0.00	1.50	40.06
35	Liberty Lake Town Square Park	8.33	10.00	9.67						1.44	6.00	1.56	0.00	3.00	40.00
35	Island Crest Park Field Renovation	8.67	9.00	10.33						3.22	4.67	1.11	0.00	3.00	40.00
37	South End Recreation Area Campus Sprayground and Restroom	8.33	8.33	8.33						3.33	7.11	1.11	0.00	3.00	39.56
38	Seahurst Park Recreational Development	8.00	7.67	8.67						3.00	4.00	1.11	0.00	3.00	35.44
39	Central Washington Regional Soccer Complex Acquisition	8.67	8.33			2.67		2.67		1.78	5.33	2.67	0.00	1.50	33.61
40	Chinook Park Acquisition	7.33	8.33			3.33		2.33		2.11	4.89	0.78	0.00	3.00	32.11
41	Sekiu Shoreline Access and Wildlife Viewing 2012	7.67	7.00	7.33						1.56	5.56	1.33	0.00	0.00	30.44
42	Spurrell Dock Canopy	6.33	8.00	8.00						2.11	4.44	0.78	0.00	0.00	29.67
43	McCormick Village Park	6.00	6.33	7.33						0.89	2.67	1.00	0.00	3.00	27.22
44	Capitol Olympic Vista Park	4.67	3.67			3.11		1.78		1.89	5.56	1.56	-1.00	3.00	24.22

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-11, RCO Staff Scored Questions 12-13.

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Bremerton

Grant Request: \$211,350

Creating the Evergreen Rotary Inclusive Playground

The City of Bremerton will use this grant to develop an inclusive playground at Evergreen Rotary Park, the city's most heavily used waterfront park, located between downtown and Olympic College. The project also will improve access for people with disabilities from the main parking lot to the park's central activity area, increase the number of parking spaces for people with disabilities, and add landscaping to the shoreline and main parking area. These improvements will create Bremerton and Kitsap County's first fully accessible playground designed to provide play opportunities for all children regardless of ability. There are 3,500 children with disabilities within the park's service area. The closest similar facility requires a 60-mile round trip drive to the Gig Harbor area. The project is being done in conjunction with a local non-profit, Bremerton Beyond Accessible Play. The group, which includes families with children having a range of abilities, has been instrumental in project design and raising money to provide the local match. The City of Bremerton will contribute \$211,350 from a federal grant and donations of cash and labor. For more details, click [12-1464](#).

Gig Harbor

Grant Request: \$180,000

Building the Gig Harbor PlayZone Integrated Playground

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to build an inclusive playground with accessible paths and play equipment with a maritime theme representing the fishing heritage of Gig Harbor. The Gig Harbor PlayZone Integrated Playground will replace the aged play equipment at City Park that must be removed this year. The new structures will promote youth physical activity as part of the Harbor Health initiative and allow children of all abilities to experience the benefits of outdoor play. In partnership with citizen advocates, the City was the finalist in an essay contest awarded by the non-profit Shane's Inspiration, which led a broad public input process resulting in the final playground design. Local environmental group, Harbor WildWatch, also helped with the maritime-themed design by highlighting species found in the harbor and Puget Sound. The Gig Harbor Maritime Committee raised 80 percent of the local grant match. When the playground is finished, Shane's Inspiration will lead an innovative program with local residents and the Peninsula School District using the PlayZone as an outdoor "learn to play together" classroom that is expected to have a regional impact. The City of Gig Harbor will contribute \$181,200 from a grant, cash, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. For more details, click [12-1509](#).

Chehalis

Grant Request: \$250,000

Renovating the Chehalis Pool

The City of Chehalis will use this grant to renovate its community pool. Work will include replacing the pool liner, mechanical systems, guard stands, and diving board; resurfacing its shared parking; adding parking stalls; building a restroom; and upgrading the locker rooms to meet accessibility standards. The work should extend the life of the pool by more than 20 years. The only public outdoor pool in this region, its use averages 230 people a day. People

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use the pool for water sports, physical education, school field trips, teen mentor programs, family and lap swims, and all-age swimming lessons. Built in 1959 near the city's main entrance at the Interstate 5 exit, thousands have learned to swim here. While the City maintained these aging facilities even in lean times with support from its foundation and the community, it lacks money for major upgrades or expansion. Excessive time and resources are spent on mechanical and plumbing repairs in the hope the pool lasts just one more season. In a desperate state of disrepair, it is unsafe, lacks cost and energy efficiencies, and is in imminent danger of closing. This renovation also improves the park's restrooms and parking. This project has a dedicated partner in the Chehalis Foundation, broad community support, and financial commitments from community groups, schools, businesses, and others. The City of Chehalis will contribute \$530,340 from an appropriation from the Legislature, another Recreation and Conservation Office grant, staff labor, and donations of cash. For more details, click [12-1227](#).

Edmonds **Grant Request: \$500,000**

Revitalizing City Park's Play and Spray Area

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to develop and restore the play area at the 14-acre City Park, the city's most notable and oldest park, in downtown Edmonds. The goal of the project is to improve, update, and diversify the play features at the park. The City will build an interactive spray area and replace worn-out playground equipment with accessible play structures. The spray feature will include a water system for water re-use. The spray area will replace the park's wading pool, which has been closed since 2007. The City of Edmonds will contribute \$791,653 from a private grant, cash, and donations of cash. For more details, click [12-1536](#).

Bainbridge Island Park District **Grant Request: \$500,000**

Redeveloping Rotary Park

The Bainbridge Island Park District will use this grant to redevelop the nearly 50-year-old Rotary Park. Rotary Park was the first community park on Bainbridge Island and has been home to the Little League since 1966. The park district will move one Little League ball field and redevelop a second, replace the restroom, improve traffic and facilities for people with disabilities, and install a play structure, picnic shelter, landscaping, and interpretation. The park's location in the island's Winslow core neighborhood is important. Half of the island's population lives there and continued growth is expected. The area received 46 percent of all new growth on Bainbridge in the past decade. The park requires renovation and redevelopment reflecting growth, change, and site issues. The Bainbridge Island Park District will contribute \$585,740 in cash, staff labor, and donations of cash. For more details, click [12-1547](#).

Everett **Grant Request: \$500,000**

Renovating the Senator Henry M. Jackson Park

The Everett Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to design and renovate about 4 acres of the 15-acre Senator Henry M. Jackson Park. Work will include building perimeter walking and jogging paths, a basketball court, a playground and tot lot, seating, a rain garden, lawn, community garden plots accessible to people with disabilities, and support amenities

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including lighting, parking, drainage, and interpretive signs. The park is in northeast Everett, one block west of Interstate 5 along Marine View Drive. The overall goals are to update the park; improve functionality, safety, and accessibility; and help poor, diverse populations to gather, exercise, and produce healthy foods. The community is engaged and united behind the project. It's a top priority for the parks department and is in Everett's lowest income area, where more than ten languages are spoken. Outdoor recreation amenities in the area are dated and suffer from poor drainage. The City of Everett will contribute \$633,000 from a federal grant, staff labor, cash, and donated labor. For more details, click [12-1085](#).

Wilkeson

Grant Request: \$55,400

Building the Wilkeson Skatepark

Town of Wilkeson will use this grant to build a 6,000-square-foot skateboard park in Railroad Street Park. The park will be designed using modular units, placed on a cement pad, and geared for beginner to intermediate skateboarders. Most kids under 16 years old are unable to travel out of this rural area for park activities. There is no public transit system. The Town was approached by middle school students to develop a skateboard park already cited in the town's master park plan. This spring, kids and families started fundraising in earnest. They have solicited corporate donations and have several events planned next year. The Town of Wilkeson will provide the land, administer the grant, coordinate the in-kind labor from the Eagles, Clampers, and Booster Clubs to prepare and install the structures with the skateboard company representative. Railroad Street Park is well suited for a skateboard park because it is in the heart of town and very visible by the local community and police. The town of Wilkeson will contribute \$55,598 from a grant, cash, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more details, click [12-1401](#).

Cowlitz County

Grant Request: \$46,850

Adding Camping Amenities in Harry Gardner Park

Cowlitz County will use this grant to add amenities at Harry Gardner Park, a camping and day-use park along the south Toutle River, just minutes from the town of Toutle and the main road to Mount Saint Helens. The County will add a group picnic shelter with an accessible path, kiosks, picnic tables, signs, grills, benches, and fire pits. A campsite will be outfitted with new features for people with disabilities. These amenities will help complete a camping area at the park, which was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Saint Helens. Developing the park is the highest priority park project for Cowlitz County Parks and Recreation Division and the Toutle community. The community has embraced the park, donating labor, project leadership, and professional services. The park's interesting history and location near the volcano bring visitors from afar, while local students use the park for community service and outdoor education. The park attracts steelhead anglers, bird watchers, and families wanting to enjoy the sands, river, and adjacent state wildlife area. Adding amenities will expand access for a wider variety of users, including people with disabilities, groups, and overnight campers. Cowlitz County will contribute \$49,220 from a private grant; staff equipment, labor, and materials; and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more details, click [12-1239](#).

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Aberdeen

Grant Request: \$112,743

Renovating Sam Benn Park

The City of Aberdeen will use this grant to continue its restoration of Sam Benn Park. Work will include developing a picnic area with sidewalks and restoring the tennis courts. The City will add spectator seating as well as a new block wall to support the hillside and stop the courts from cracking. There also will be a small sitting and picnic area built into the base of the block wall. This project will complete almost 10 years of restoration work at the park. The City already has filled and graded two gullies, added a 9-hole disk golf course, removed dangerous trees, and last year improved the playground. Using other money, it also will install new parking and add sidewalks and landscaping. The City of Aberdeen will contribute \$114,744 from a private grant and cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more details, click [12-1152](#).

Winthrop

Grant Request: \$497,000

Improving the Winthrop Ice Rink

The Town of Winthrop will use this grant to improve the Winthrop Ice Rink, adding refrigeration, new restrooms, a changing area, and improved signs. The ice rink is a short distance outside of Winthrop's downtown and has an adjoining service building. The rink is surfaced with lawn, and the ice is natural, dependent on freezing temperatures. The building houses the restrooms, skate rentals, changing area, and storage. This project addresses the two biggest risks to long-term operation: rink closures due to warm weather and an overcrowded skate changing area. The Town will grade the area, upgrade the electrical, and install a refrigerated slab and ice plant. A 1,200-square-foot restroom and changing area building will be constructed at the east end of the rink. Sidewalks and landscaping will be restored. Five new directional signs will help people navigate to parking areas. Fixing these problems will enable a full operating schedule with tournaments and events that contribute to Winthrop's winter economy. The Town of Winthrop will contribute \$498,000 in labor and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For more details, click [12-1123](#).

Mount Vernon

Grant Request: \$500,000

Building the Mount Vernon Skagit Riverwalk Park

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a park along the Skagit River in downtown Mount Vernon. The park will be about 25,000 square feet and will include a lowered plaza with seating steps, viewpoints to the river, ornamental native landscape, placeholders for public art, and a restroom. Also included is a large, open area with shade trees set in a field of permeable pavers that will accommodate large, public events that currently happen in a parking lot. This park is connected to the Skagit Riverwalk, an urban, riverfront trail. It is the last component of the overall Skagit Riverwalk development and significantly increases access to the shoreline and opportunity for recreation. This park will be the largest open area in downtown and used by apartment residents, businesses, tourists, and day visitors. The City of Mount Vernon will contribute \$511,500 from a grant and cash. For more details, click [12-1086](#).

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Kitsap County

Grant Request: \$132,500

Developing South Kitsap Regional Park

Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to continue developing the skate park at South Kitsap Regional Park. The County will develop the center plaza for intermediate skaters with ramps, in-line skating, and street level elements. The County also will add spectator seating, landscaping, and security cameras. The South Kitsap Skate Park Association includes a large number of youth who are involved in the design and construction of the skate park. They have worked during the past four years to get \$112,000 to provide roughly 45 percent of the total project costs for this phase of the work. Kitsap County will commit an additional \$30,000. Kitsap County will contribute \$132,500 in cash and donations of cash. For more details, click [12-1254](#).

King County

Grant Request: \$188,000

Developing Pinnacle Peak Trailhead

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to improve access to Pinnacle Peak Park, a 256-acre forested park near Enumclaw in south King County. King County will develop a 50-vehicle parking lot accessible to horse trailers along Southeast Mud Mountain Road. The County also will build a half-mile access trail and bridge that connects to the existing trail network; install informational signs, a pit toilet, an access road into the parking lot, and fencing; restore pastureland; and conduct a parking feasibility study on the north side of the park. Pinnacle Peak Park is a forested volcanic cone rising 1,000 feet above the Enumclaw plateau. Drawn by sweeping vistas of Mount Rainier and the White River Valley, hikers and equestrians make the 2-mile climb to the park's peak. Currently, park users have limited parking and leave their vehicles along narrow road shoulders at the north and south trailheads. In 2008, King County bought the south side parcel to develop a parking lot and trailhead amenities to address the unsafe conditions. The north trailhead has site constraints, such as wetlands and steep slopes, that limit parking, but considering high levels of park use, it warrants further investigation. King County will contribute \$190,435 in cash and donations of labor. For more details, click [12-1270](#).

Mason County

Grant Request: \$285,000

Renovating Mason County Recreation Area Infield

Mason County will use this grant to renovate two infields at the Mason County Recreation Area Park near Shelton. The 30-acre sports complex has seven ball fields. Work will include replacing the dirt infields with synthetic turf on two fields. This will improve field playability, reduce maintenance costs, reduce rainouts, and reduce the amount of water used at the park. This project also fixes access issues by improving the pathways in the park. The County will replace existing crushed rock with asphalt and improve access to the dugouts. The two fields receive heavy use annually from youth baseball and softball organizations and from numerous tournaments. The outfield surface will remain grass. Mason County will contribute \$290,000 in cash, and donations of equipment and labor. For more details, click [12-1383](#).

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Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma **Developing Swan Creek Park**

Grant Request: \$500,000

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to develop the 383-acre Swan Creek Park, which is a natural area park on Tacoma's east side. The park district will establish three new park entrances, improve and connect an existing trail system, remove invasive plants and brush to improve forest health and public safety, and provide basic visitor amenities such as entry gates, parking, signs, and restrooms. The park district also will restore a shelter and create space for expanding the community garden program. The project will include developing mountain bike skills training trails in a forested area of the park. A primary focus of improvements will center on the eastern terminus of South 42nd Street, in a 12-acre area known in the community as "The Gathering Place." This site of former World War II emergency housing will be converted to a place for future urban farming. Existing older paved streets will be improved for pedestrian, bicycle, and wheelchair use. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute \$500,000 in voter-approved bonds. For more details, click [12-1204](#).

Cashmere **Improving Cashmere's Riverside Park**

Grant Request: \$257,000

The City of Cashmere will use this grant to develop 7.32 acres of Riverside Park by adding a concrete, modular skate park, two restrooms, and two paved parking lots. The City also will renovate an educational learning playground and two grassy areas with irrigation and other park amenities. The project will improve recreational opportunities for walking, fishing, kayaking, rafting, picnicking, skateboarding, soccer, and softball. The park is along the Wenatchee River. The City of Cashmere will contribute \$257,000 in cash, equipment, labor, materials, and donations of cash and labor. For more details, click [12-1200](#).

Wenatchee **Building the Saddle Rock Access and Outdoor Education Area**

Grant Request: \$450,000

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy 4.68 acres and build the first two phases of the Saddle Rock Access and Outdoor Learning Area. Saddle Rock is a year-round, outdoor recreation and education destination in the Wenatchee Valley. From snowshoeing to horseback riding and hiking, the area is used by thousands of residents and visitors each year. Saddle Rock also is the site of the Wenatchee School District's Shrub Step'n Up Program in which every fifth-grade student visits the site and participates in hands-on, outdoor education stations. Parking, access, and support facilities at the site are inadequate for the use it receives. The limited street parking often overflows, which has created neighborhood issues. Through this project, the City will expand the parking, build a trail for people with disabilities, and install educational stations, an outdoor classroom, shade structures, and restrooms. The project site will be landscaped with native plants. This project is supported by the Wenatchee School District, Chelan Douglas Land Trust, Dry Gulch Preserve, Appleatchee Riders, and the community. The City of Wenatchee will contribute \$489,531 in labor and donations of cash, labor, and property interest. For more details, click [12-1043](#).

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Port of Benton

Grant Request: \$94,835

Adding Playground Equipment to Crow Butte Park

The Port of Benton will use this grant to buy and install playground equipment, create a new pathway, and designate parking for people with disabilities in the day-use area of Crow Butte Park. The 275-acre destination park is on the Columbia River in southwestern Benton County. The new playground will be 2,025 square feet, with nine different play components, featuring a nature inspired design. An accessible, multi-use, asphalt pathway will connect existing restrooms and parking with the new play facility. The proposed project will broaden and improve the overall recreation experience for visitors of all ages and abilities. The park has no play equipment even though more than two-thirds of park visitors bring children to the park. The Port of Benton will contribute \$94,840 in cash and labor. For more details, click [12-1053](#).

King County

Grant Request: \$500,000

Installing a Synthetic Turf Ball Field in Redmond Ridge Park

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to convert an existing dirt soccer field to a multi-purpose, synthetic turf, ball field for soccer, baseball, and other sports at Redmond Ridge Park. The park is in the Redmond Ridge neighborhood in northeast Redmond. The County will install the synthetic turf field in the same area as the existing dirt field. King County is collaborating with Redmond North Little League. This project is the second of a two-phase effort to expand use of the 10-acre park. The field only supports soccer and often is unusable because of rain. King County will contribute \$700,000 from a voter-approved levy. For more details, click [12-1271](#).

University Place

Grant Request: \$143,335

Building Restrooms in Cirque/Bridgeport Park

The City of University Place will use this grant to build restrooms at its largest developed park, Cirque/Bridgeport Park, which is at 7150 Cirque Drive West. The amenities included in this park are baseball, softball, soccer, and flag football fields; tot lot; skate park; picnic shelter; and walking trails. No permanent restrooms are available, which restricts use of the park. Construction of the restroom will improve the health and sanitation for park visitors, and allow expansion of activities such as community festivals, baseball jamborees, and softball tournaments. The City of University Place will contribute \$143,335. For more details, click [12-1020](#).

Wenatchee

Grant Request: \$286,000

Buying Land for a Trail at Lower Castle Rock

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy nearly 37 acres for open space and for a trail linking homes to the Wenatchee Foothills. Immediately west of the property is 397 acres, which were purchased several years ago by residents to preserve the land for wildlife and public access. The landowners have agreed to donate a trail easement through the property if the City can buy the nearby 37 acres. The property is at the end of a residential street and has footpaths and a cul-de-sac, which can serve as a temporary trailhead until a formal one can be developed.

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The site features spectacular views of the Wenatchee Valley and Columbia River and wildflowers are abundant in the spring. The site has been used by hikers, mountain bikers, and skiers, but the owner is interested in developing the property. The City of Wenatchee will contribute \$300,000 in donations of cash. For more details, click [12-1044](#).

Redmond

Grant Request: \$347,500

Renovating Grass Lawn Park Soccer Field and Track

The City of Redmond will use this grant to renovate a deteriorating soccer field and track at Grass Lawn Park. The existing soccer field's synthetic turf will be removed and replaced, and the track will be resurfaced. Grass Lawn Park is a much-loved community park on 148th Avenue Northeast, a main road. It is near the Microsoft campus and is used heavily by local residents, Microsoft employees, and visitors from around the region, and even the world. Eight to ten years is the expected life span for this era of synthetic turf. At ten years old, it is now at the end of its life. Renovation of the Grass Lawn soccer field is supported by its many users, including the Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association, which will contribute toward the field's renovation. The City of Redmond will contribute \$347,500 in cash and donations of cash. For more details, click [12-1234](#).

Kent

Grant Request: \$834,725

Buying Land along Soos Creek

Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services will use this grant to buy nearly 34 acres next to Soos Creek in the newly annexed Panther Lake area of Kent for a park and trailhead. The land is next to King County's 7.62-mile Soos Creek Trail and will serve as a local Kent trailhead. This would connect the Panther Lake area to Kent's most popular regional park, Lake Meridian Park in the south, with the intent that residents could easily jog, bike, or walk between the two parks. The site boasts tremendous views of Mount Rainier and the Soos Creek Valley. It also is valuable for wildlife habitat and holding water during heavy rains to prevent flooding. The City of Kent will contribute \$834,725 from a local grant and cash. For more details, click [12-1525](#).

Mason County

Grant Request: \$160,000

Renovating Two Sandhill Park Fields

Mason County will use this grant to complete the renovation of the last two of seven fields in Sandhill Park. The County will replace the infields, develop pathways accessible to people with disabilities, and install new outfield irrigation and turf, new backstops, and new dugouts. Sandhill Park was developed in the late 1970s and early 1980s by community volunteers. Two of the fields have received virtually no improvements since the original construction. Sandhill Park is home to games for the North Mason School District, North Mason Little League, North Mason Girls Fastpitch, North Mason Pee Wees in addition to various tournaments. Mason County will contribute \$166,900 in cash, labor, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For more details, click [12-1396](#).

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University Place

Grant Request: \$48,750

Adding a Restroom in Sunset Terrace Park

The City of University Place will use this grant to develop a restroom at one of the city's most popular neighborhood parks. Sunset Terrace Park, located at 1903 Seaview Street West, has a tot lot, a youth baseball field, and picnic shelter. This park is used by families with young children and senior citizens from a nearby development. Currently, the park has only portable toilets, which are not enough for high usage times. The lack of permanent restrooms with hot running water and flushing toilets makes it a challenge for parents and a necessity for health and sanitation. The City of University Place will contribute \$48,750. For more details, click [12-1021](#).

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

Grant Request: \$483,350

Buying Land for a New Entry to a Recreation Area

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy almost 40 acres, known as the Anderson property, on the north end of Key Peninsula along State Route 302, for a new entry to a 360-acre recreation area. The majority of the property is fairly level, with areas of rolling hills and Little Minter Creek meandering through it. With the Anderson property, the park district can relocate the main entry and improve visitor safety. The trailhead for the recreation area also will be located on the Anderson property, providing parking (including for horse trailers) and restrooms for hikers, bikers, and riders. In addition, the district will build picnic areas, a community garden, a playground, and multipurpose fields. This is the future flagship of Key Pen Parks and will serve the recreational needs of the community for future generations. The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will contribute \$483,350 in cash, equipment, and labor. For more details, click [12-1197](#).

Island County

Grant Request: \$211,680

Developing Barnum Point Park

Island County will use this grant to develop Barnum Point Park. The County will build 1.25 miles of trail, including a trail to the beach; two viewing platforms; and gravel parking. The County also will install interpretive signs and a portable outhouse. Adjacent to 7,100 acres of protected lands at Port Susan Bay, Barnum Point is unique both for its high ecological and recreational value. A network of trails loops through the bayside forest, with spectacular views east across Port Susan Bay and west to Triangle Cove. The 18 acres of tidelands and nearly half-mile of shoreline will provide one of the longest, uninterrupted stretches of public beach on Camano Island, and an excellent variety of recreation opportunities. Island County will contribute \$258,720 from an Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account state grant and a private grant. For more details, click [12-1405](#).

Bellingham

Grant Request: \$500,000

Developing Squalicum Creek Park

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will use the grant to develop part of the 35-acre Squalicum Creek Park. The City will develop a second lighted ball field, install lights at an

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existing ball field, build a small restroom, pave walkways and a central plaza, and add lights in the parking lot. This will increase capacity of the park to serve Pony League Baseball and adult softball leagues. This project will provide an additional 30 games a week. The City of Bellingham will contribute more than \$2 million from a voter-approved levy. For more details, click [12-1041](#).

Vancouver

Grant Request: \$558,391

Buying Land for Cougar Creek Woods Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 10 acres for the Cougar Creek Woods Park. The land includes a mixture of flat land and wooded slopes along Cougar Creek. The site will serve as a trailhead for the proposed Cougar Creek Trail extension, creating a link to the regional Salmon Creek Greenway to the north. Purchase of the land will help to preserve the creek banks, which includes the western wahoo, a shrub listed as at risk of extinction. The City of Vancouver will contribute \$558,390. For more details, click [12-1203](#).

Island County

Grant Request: \$1,000,000

Buying Land for the Trillium Community Forest

Island County will use this grant to buy 719 acres of forests for a new, natural area park. The land includes the largest, contiguous forestland in the county. The land is on State Highway 525 in the south-central part of Whidbey Island. The County also would develop two, multi-user trailheads with kiosks and parking. One parking lot would accommodate people with disabilities, another would accommodate horse trailers and buses. The County will build a loop trail connecting to the proposed parking area for people with disabilities. The land's three trailheads will connect to more than 8 miles of trails. The land will serve equestrians, mountain bikers, and hikers. Island County will contribute more than \$2 million from a local grant and donated land. For more details, click [12-1559](#).

Vancouver

Grant Request: \$224,853

Buying John Ball Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy the 2.4-acre John Ball Park, which is in one of the older, established neighborhoods of downtown Vancouver. The land was formerly used for school district offices, and leased to the City for recreational use. John Ball Park is the only urban park serving this established neighborhood. The park has open lawn areas for pick-up team sports and picnicking, children's play equipment, walking paths, and community gathering opportunities. The City of Vancouver will contribute \$224,854. For more details, click [12-1491](#).

Port Orchard

Grant Request: \$250,000

Developing Paul Powers Park

The City of Port Orchard will use this grant to renovate the 4-acre Paul Powers Park, which is at the center of a rapidly growing, residential neighborhood with dense lots too small for backyard play. The park has no restroom and the well-used children's playground is nearly obsolete. The City will remove the play structures and replace them with new ones, build a one-third mile trail

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connecting to the regional trail system, add interpretive signs in the woods where old growth trees and wildlife exist, create a flat meadow for pick-up games, build a restroom and picnic facilities, install fencing, expand the entrance, and increase parking. Several groups including the MOMS, SK Rotary, First Baptist Church, Homebuilders Association, Boys and Girls Club support the project and have committed to donate or volunteer assistance. The City will donate land to expand the entry, playground, and parking. The City of Port Orchard will contribute \$250,000 in cash, equipment, labor, and donations of labor. For more details, click [12-1096](#).

Burien

Grant Request: \$255,780

Replacing the Moshier Regional Sports Field Restroom

The Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will use this grant to replace a 40-year-old restroom at the Moshier Regional Sports Fields. The 11-acre sports complex is used by sports leagues from the Puget Sound region for baseball, softball, soccer, football, lacrosse, and ultimate Frisbee. The existing restrooms are not usable by people with disabilities because of adjacent slopes, small door widths, and problem fixtures. The new restroom would be a green-built structure that would include larger restrooms and a seating area. The City of Burien will contribute \$255,780 from a local grant and cash. For more details, click [12-1543](#).

West Richland

Grant Request: \$245,000

Buying Land for a Yakima River Waterfront Park

The City of West Richland will use this grant to buy 2.3 acres for a park along the Yakima River. Future development would include restrooms, parking, a trailhead, a community pavilion, splash pad, picnic areas, and open areas. The park will improve and expand river access and recreation in an economically challenged, socially diverse neighborhood. The City of West Richland will contribute \$254,941 from a local grant, cash, and donations of labor and land. For more details, click [12-1854](#).

Liberty Lake

Grant Request: \$425,000

Developing Liberty Lake Town Square Park

The City of Liberty Lake will use this grant to develop a 2-acre downtown city park on Meadowwood Lane. Development will include an amphitheater, a shelter, community gardens, landscaped open areas, restrooms, and parking. A major focus of the city's comprehensive parks plan was to create a town square that incorporates community history and public art. The park would provide opportunities for year-round public events, as well as help preserve the distinctive history of the community through design elements and educational displays. The City of Liberty Lake will contribute \$425,000. For more details, click [12-1569](#).

Mercer Island

Grant Request: \$338,000

Renovating the Island Crest Park Field

The City of Mercer Island will use this grant to renovate the Island Crest Park Baseball Complex. Island Crest Park has the only regulation baseball fields in the city and is the home field for the high school varsity and junior varsity teams as well as for all other youth and adult baseball

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groups on the Island, including the Boys and Girls Club, National Adult Baseball League, and Puget Sound Senior Baseball League. The fields also are used by soccer and football groups. The existing infields do not function well in the wet climate, do not drain well, and result in unsightly and unsafe puddles, divots, and poor playing conditions. The City will remove the existing dirt and clay south infield and replace it with a synthetic turf infield. Also included is the replacement of lights and pole standards for both fields, which will improve lighting efficiency, reduce spill and glare into neighborhoods, and minimize maintenance and bulb replacements. The City of Mercer Island will contribute \$338,000. For more details, click [12-1244](#).

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

Grant Request: \$500,000

Improving the South End Recreation Area Campus

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to install a water sprayground, plaza and restroom at the 75-acre South End Recreation Area Campus. The campus is used by Gray Middle School, Boys and Girls Club, and STAR Center, a new multipurpose community center. The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will contribute more than \$1.4 million from state funding and voter-approved bonds. For more details, click [12-1548](#).

Burien

Grant Request: \$356,000

Renovating Seahurst Park

The Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will use this grant to improve the 35-year-old park amenities that support public access to the beach at Seahurst Park. The City will replace picnic facilities, improve walkways to trail systems and beaches, and replace park furnishings and interpretive signs. Seahurst Park, the city's most popular park, has almost 1 mile of Puget Sound beach. The park is visited by more than half of Burien's residents. The project will provide walkways for people with disabilities that connect the parking lots to the playground, picnic sites, restrooms, and other spaces. Additionally, the new park furnishings and picnic areas will be designed and placed for barrier-free access. The interpretive signs will enhance public awareness of the marine shoreline and the green design aspects of the park restoration. The City of Burien will contribute \$356,000. For more details, click [12-1579](#).

Yakima

Grant Request: \$500,000

Buying Land for a Regional Soccer Complex

The City of Yakima will use this grant to buy about 45 acres for a regional soccer complex. The land is in one of the poorest and most visible areas of the city being adjacent to Interstate 82. The acquisition of land is an objective of the city's comprehensive plan. The property was used as a lumber mill. The City of Yakima will contribute \$698,000 in donations of cash and land. For more details, click [12-1320](#).

Vancouver

Grant Request: \$160,583

Buying land for Chinook Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 2.19 acres next to a Clark County conservation area along the Whipple Creek Greenway corridor. The

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department will develop the land as a neighborhood park. It will provide an essential public land connection through the greenway to neighborhoods and schools. The plan for future development includes picnic and sitting areas, play equipment, open lawn areas, and trails. The 2.19 acres are combined with 3.22 acres in the Whipple Creek Greenway to form Chinook Park. The City of Vancouver will contribute \$160,583. For more details, click [12-1466](#).

Clallam County

Grant Request: \$59,000

Developing the Sekiu Shoreline Wildlife Viewing Area

Clallam County will use this grant to develop a wildlife viewing area on the shore of Clallam Bay, in the community of Sekiu. The site, on Front Street, will include seating, interpretive material, walkways, and a viewing area. The design incorporates several "green" features including using precast concrete permeable pavers, installing recycled plastic fence boards, and placing driftwood logs as seating. The project will provide public access to the Sekiu shoreline, which currently is not available. The design takes a weed-covered vacant lot and transforms it into an eye-catching and usable space. The project has the support of the Clallam County Board of Commissioners, the Clallam Bay/Sekiu Chamber of Commerce, Clallam Bay/Sekiu Community Action Team, and others. Clallam County will contribute \$59,000. For more details, click [12-1186](#).

South Bend

Grant Request: \$90,900

Building a Canopy over Spurrell Dock

The City of South Bend will use this grant to add a canopy over Spurrell dock. Because of the short summer season, residents and tourists have asked for a cover to extend their enjoyment time along the river. This new canopy will allow multi-seasonal use of the dock for picnicking, outdoor theater and music, community events, and education. The elevated dock is in the heart of downtown South Bend and provides the connecting link between the South Bend floating recreational dock on the Willapa River and the upland Robert Bush Memorial Park and boardwalk. The City of South Bend will contribute \$111,100 from a state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant and cash. For more details, click [12-1477](#).

Port Orchard

Grant Request: \$340,000

Developing McCormick Village Park

The City of Port Orchard will use this grant to develop the 30-acre McCormick Village Park. The City will build more than 1 mile of hiking trails with boardwalks and bridges over wetlands, interpretive signs, parking, restrooms, a playground, an entry plaza, picnic shelters, and a nature play area. This park will be unlike any others in Port Orchard. The City of Port Orchard will contribute \$355,000 from a local grant, labor, cash, and donations of equipment and labor. For more details, click [12-1092](#).

Olympia

Grant Request: \$1,000,000

Buying Land for Capitol Olympic Vista Park

The City of Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy about 2.34 acres in downtown Olympia for the future Capitol Olympic Vista Park. The land is on the

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isthmus between Capitol Lake and Budd Inlet, and features magnificent views of Puget Sound, the Olympic Mountains, and the State Capitol. This project exemplifies a cooperative venture between county, city, and state governments to expand the 1911 vision for the Washington State Capitol Campus. By acquiring this land, the City will expand its downtown recreation opportunities, preserve expansive views, and provide key connections to surrounding park properties and trails. Capitol Olympic View Park will be a hub for waterfront trails and will create more informal play and gathering opportunities. Local nonprofit and community groups such as Olympia Capitol Park Foundation and The Trust for Public Land have been vocal in their support for acquiring the site and have offered financial assistance for matching funds. The City of Olympia will contribute \$2 million from local and private grants and cash. For more details, click [12-1229](#).



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Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Grant Awarded
1	12-1173A	Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,862,700	\$1,862,700
2	12-1182A	Wanapum Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,921,500	\$1,921,500
3	12-1181A	Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,739,712	\$2,739,712
4	12-1183A	Washougal Oaks Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,590,225	\$896,588
5	12-1177A	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,750,350	Alternate
6	12-1174A	Dabob Bay Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,130,450	Alternate
7	12-1180A	Trombetta Canyon Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$604,800	Alternate
8	12-1135A	Merrill Lake Natural Area	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$2,300,000	Alternate
				\$14,899,737	\$7,420,500

Project Number Types: A=Acquisition



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Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request
1	43.25	12-1173A	Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,862,700
2	41.13	12-1182A	Wanapum Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,921,500
3	41.00	12-1181A	Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,739,712
4	40.25	12-1183A	Washougal Oaks Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,590,225
5	39.25	12-1177A	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,750,350
6	38.38	12-1174A	Dabob Bay Natural Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,130,450
7	36.38	12-1180A	Trombetta Canyon Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$604,800
8	35.75	12-1135A	Merrill Lake Natural Area	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$2,300,000
					\$14,899,737

Project Number Types: A=Acquisition

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Question		1	2	3	4	
Rank	Project Name	Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Species and Communities with Special Status	Manageability and Viability	Public Benefit	Total
1	Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve 2012	18.38	9.13	12.50	3.25	43.25
2	Wanapum Natural Area Preserve 2012	17.50	8.63	11.38	3.63	41.13
3	Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve 2012	17.13	9.00	11.75	3.13	41.00
4	Washougal Oaks Natural Area Preserve	16.50	8.38	11.13	4.25	40.25
5	Lacamas Prairie Natural Area 2012	16.50	8.00	10.63	4.13	39.25
6	Dabob Bay Natural Area 2012	15.50	7.75	11.13	4.00	38.38
7	Trombetta Canyon Natural Area Preserve 2012	15.25	7.00	11.00	3.13	36.38
8	Merrill Lake Natural Area	14.13	6.88	10.75	4.00	35.75

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-4.

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Protecting the Camas Meadows

Grant Requested: \$1,862,700

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 171 acres of meadow, ponderosa pine forest, streams, and riparian habitat to protect rare plant populations in the Camas Meadows Natural Area Preserve. The site contains the largest known populations of the endangered Wenatchee mountain checker-mallow and Wenatchee larkspur, which the state has designated as threatened with extinction. The land, which is in Chelan County, 12 miles southeast of Leavenworth, is privately owned land within the preserve. Securing more protection of the Wenatchee mountain checker-mallow population will contribute significantly to the recovery plan for this species, which calls for the conservation of all stable, self-sustaining populations in protected sites secure from threats. Acquiring this land will protect other habitat in the preserve by protecting the streams that create the seasonally wet conditions needed by the Wenatchee mountain checker-mallow and Wenatchee larkspur. For more details, click [12-1173](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Sand Dunes at the Wanapum Natural Area Preserve

Grant Requested: \$1,921,500

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 2,237 acres near Vantage and include it in the proposed Wanapum Natural Area Preserve. The project will protect the most critical striped whipsnake habitat within the preserve, the dune system and shrub-steppe communities, as well as 13 other priority species and ecological systems. The proposed preserve contains the only two known extant striped whipsnake occurrences in Washington. The Washington Natural Heritage Advisory Council has recommended approval of the preserve design, which maintains the connection between the two occurrences. Inclusion in the preserve will give the agency a chance to manage the population. The dune system on the site covers more than 1,000 acres and is one of only eight dune systems in Washington with high conservation value. The preserve design will accommodate the migration of the sand dunes, allowing natural, dynamic processes associated with this ecological system. For more details, click [12-1182](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding the Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve

Grant Requested: \$2,739,712

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy up to 2,560 acres to expand the Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve, near Wenatchee, in Chelan County. The project will protect a rare, endemic plant species, Whited's milkvetch. The plant exists nowhere else in the world except within a narrow band extending for 3 miles between Colockum Creek and the existing upper dry gulch preserve. The Washington Natural Heritage Program has designated the plant as endangered and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has classified it as a Species of Concern. A secondary objective of the project is to protect shrub-steppe habitat, one of the most threatened ecosystems in Washington. A recent proposal for a large housing development

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that would include room for horses in the upper dry gulch area has increased the immediacy of the threat to the milkvetch and its habitat. For more details, click [12-1181](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$1,590,225** **Conserving the Washougal Oaks Woodlands**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 303 acres east of Washougal at the western edge of the Columbia River Gorge in Clark County to help protect the largest, high-quality native oak woodland remaining in western Washington. This woodland is important to conserve because most of it has been lost or is being damaged. In addition, a fish-bearing stream inside a steep forested ravine runs through the heart of the site. The site supports two state sensitive plant species, and two rare or threatened animal species: Slender-billed nuthatch, and lower Columbia River steelhead. The land would be included in a combination of a Natural Resource Conservation Area and Natural Area Preserve, complementing conservation work within the project area by the department's partners, which include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge), U.S. Forest Service (Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area), and the Columbia Land Trust. These acquisitions are part of a multi-phased project with the long-term objective of protecting the oak woodland and associated species from future residential development, other incompatible uses, and exotic plant species. For more details, click [12-1183](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$1,750,350** **Conserving Lacamas Prairie**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 608 acres to protect the Willamette Valley wet prairie northeast of Vancouver, the only example of its size and quality in Washington. Development in one of the most rapidly urbanizing counties in the state threatened this ecosystem. This land supports the second largest of 20 known populations of Bradshaw's lomatium, a globally critically imperiled, endangered plant. It also contains habitat for five state sensitive plant species and one rare animal species, the slender-billed white breasted nuthatch. The land purchase would constitute the second phase of a multi-phased and multi-agency effort to protect a larger area of wet prairie and oak woodland. Other partners in the effort to protect these rare communities and species include the Columbia Land Trust, Washington Nature Conservancy, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Clark County. For more details, click [12-1177](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$2,130,450** **Conserving Land in the Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 65 acres to protect some of the most ecologically important and highly threatened private shoreline and uplands in the 6,287-acre Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve in Hood Canal. Dabob Bay is one of the most intact, estuarine bays remaining in Puget Sound, and protection of it is important because much of these tidal wetlands have been lost or are being damaged. The land is threatened by increasing waterfront development in eastern Jefferson County. This project would protect coastal bluffs,

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shorelines, and other wildlife habitats, including those used by species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, such as orca, marbled murrelet, Hood Canal summer chum salmon, Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. The department is working with The Nature Conservancy, Northwest Watershed Institute, U.S. Department of Defense, and Jefferson Land Trust to provide long-term protection of an intact coastal estuarine system. For more details, click [12-1174](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$604,800** **Conserving Land in the Trombetta Canyon Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 320 acres in the Trombetta Canyon Natural Area Preserve. Trombetta Canyon is a striking geological feature, consisting of a dry, cliff-sided canyon incised in a raised limestone formation, with no apparent source of flowing water to have formed it. The canyon is isolated by cliff walls, extensive wetlands at the north end, and a single, narrow entry point from the south. Trombetta Canyon cuts through a large, uncommon limestone and dolomite formation, ultimately vulnerable to quarrying. The site provides habitat for several rare plant species, including yellow mountain avens (state sensitive), hoary willow (state threatened), and Steller's rockbrake (state sensitive). Other species typically found only on limestone also were present, including smooth cliffbrake. For more details, click [12-1180](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$2,300,000** **Conserving the Merrill Lake Natural Area**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 882 acres lying between Merrill Lake and the Kalama River in Cowlitz County. The land has many unique features including lava beds with tree casts, high volume springs feeding the Kalama river, small old growth tree stands, waterfalls, and high quality native plant communities. The purchase would allow the department to provide long-term protection of habitat and ensure public access to the lake and river shorelines. The site connects with a national forest to the north and one of the department's natural resource conservation areas to the south. A diverse suite of species will benefit from the overall project including steelhead, coho, elk, marten, Chinook, western toad, spotted owl, and osprey. If acquired, the site will be open to the public, with some limitations to protect the natural features. For more details, click [12-1135](#).

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Grants Awarded (2013-2015)

Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match ¹	Total	Grant Awarded
1	12-1393A	Clearwater Riparian Protection Phase 2	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,066,322	\$1,612,878	\$2,679,200	\$1,066,322
2	12-1175A	Dabob Bay Natural Area Riparian	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,909,812		\$2,909,812	\$2,909,812
3	12-1535A	Crockett Lake Riparian	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$883,221	\$1,450,000	\$2,333,221	\$883,221
4	12-1176A	Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$973,087		\$973,087	\$973,087
5	12-1590C	Oakland Bay Estuary Conservation Phase 3	Capitol Land Trust	\$1,000,000	\$1,510,000	\$2,510,000	\$1,000,000
6	12-1558A	Mount Saint Helens Pine Creek	Columbia Land Trust	\$1,246,200	\$1,884,955	\$3,131,155	\$1,246,200
7	12-1422A	Kitsap Forest and Bay Project- Grovers Creek	Kitsap County	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$166,358
8	12-1128A	Methow Riparian	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000		\$500,000	Alternate
9	12-1126A	Touchet River Headwaters	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$650,000		\$650,000	Alternate
10	12-1136A	Merrill Lake Riparian	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000	Alternate
11	12-1589A	Skookum Estuary Fletcher Acquisition	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$130,000	\$155,000	\$285,000	Alternate
12	12-1236A	Green River Acquisition-Kanaskat	King County	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	Alternate
13	12-1502A	Deschutes River Conservation Phase 3	Capitol Land Trust	\$1,000,000	\$1,060,000	\$2,060,000	Alternate
14	12-1513A	West Bainbridge Riparian and Shoreline Protection	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	\$274,655	\$1,436,300	\$1,710,955	Alternate
15	12-1570A	Deer Lagoon Wetlands	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$71,500	\$80,000	\$151,500	Alternate
				\$13,504,797	\$10,389,133	\$23,893,930	\$8,245,000

¹ Match shown below will be lowered for partially funded projects.

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Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	102.60	12-1393A	Clearwater Riparian Protection Phase 2	The Nature Conservancy	\$1,066,322	\$1,612,878	\$2,679,200
2	98.10	12-1175A	Dabob Bay Natural Area Riparian	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,909,812		\$2,909,812
3	94.90	12-1535A	Crockett Lake Riparian	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$883,221	\$1,450,000	\$2,333,221
4	94.20	12-1176A	Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$973,087		\$973,087
5	94.10	12-1590C	Oakland Bay Estuary Conservation Phase 3	Capitol Land Trust	\$1,000,000	\$1,510,000	\$2,510,000
6	90.40	12-1558A	Mount Saint Helens Pine Creek	Columbia Land Trust	\$1,246,200	\$1,884,955	\$3,131,155
7	90.10	12-1422A	Kitsap Forest and Bay Project- Grovers Creek	Kitsap County	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
8	89.40	12-1128A	Methow Riparian	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000		\$500,000
9	89.10	12-1126A	Touchet River Headwaters	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$650,000		\$650,000
10	89.00	12-1136A	Merrill Lake Riparian	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,600,000		\$1,600,000
11	88.10	12-1589A	Skookum Estuary Fletcher Acquisition	Squaxin Island Tribe	\$130,000	\$155,000	\$285,000
12	88.00	12-1236A	Green River Acquisition-Kanaskat	King County	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$400,000
13	87.80	12-1502A	Deschutes River Conservation Phase 3	Capitol Land Trust	\$1,000,000	\$1,060,000	\$2,060,000
14	87.70	12-1513A	West Bainbridge Riparian and Shoreline Protection	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	\$274,655	\$1,436,300	\$1,710,955
15	84.00	12-1570A	Deer Lagoon Wetlands	Whidbey Camano Land Trust	\$71,500	\$80,000	\$151,500
					\$13,504,797	\$10,389,133	\$23,893,930

Project Number Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination

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Question		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Rank	Project Name	Riparian Habitat Benefits	Planning Priority	Site Suitability and Project Design	Threats to the Habitat	Project Support	Public Access Opportunities	Ongoing Stewardship and Management	Matching Share	GMA Compliance	Total
1	Clearwater Riparian Protection Phase 2	17.90	17.10	18.50	10.20	13.70	13.00	9.20	3.00	0.00	102.60
2	Dabob Bay Natural Area Riparian	18.00	17.80	17.10	11.10	14.30	11.40	8.40	0.00	0.00	98.10
3	Crockett Lake Riparian	15.60	16.80	15.60	10.10	13.50	12.70	7.60	3.00	0.00	94.90
4	Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve	16.70	16.40	16.20	10.20	13.80	12.30	8.60	0.00	0.00	94.20
5	Oakland Bay Estuary Conservation Phase 3	15.20	16.30	15.90	13.20	13.10	10.30	7.10	3.00	0.00	94.10
6	Mount Saint Helens Pine Creek	15.50	15.70	16.20	11.00	12.80	9.50	6.70	3.00	0.00	90.40
7	Kitsap Forest and Bay Project-Grovers Creek	15.80	15.50	15.50	10.40	12.50	12.90	7.50	1.00	-1.00	90.10
8	Methow Riparian	15.80	16.30	16.30	11.00	12.60	9.70	7.70	0.00	0.00	89.40
9	Touchet River Headwaters	16.20	15.30	16.30	10.80	12.30	10.20	8.00	0.00	0.00	89.10
10	Merrill Lake Riparian	15.10	14.10	15.80	11.90	12.40	11.90	7.80	0.00	0.00	89.00
11	Skookum Estuary Fletcher Acquisition	15.30	15.70	15.90	9.00	11.70	10.40	8.10	2.00	0.00	88.10
12	Green River Acquisition-Kanasket	15.20	15.50	16.90	10.00	11.40	10.10	7.90	1.00	0.00	88.00
13	Deschutes River Conservation Phase 3	15.00	15.20	15.40	12.00	12.40	8.70	7.10	2.00	0.00	87.80
14	West Bainbridge Riparian and Shoreline Protection	13.50	14.70	13.90	11.90	12.40	10.80	6.50	4.00	0.00	87.70
15	Deer Lagoon Wetlands	13.80	15.20	15.10	7.90	12.20	10.20	7.60	2.00	0.00	84.00

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-7; RCO Staff Scored Questions 8-9.

The Nature Conservancy Conserving the Banks of the Clearwater River

Grant Requested: \$1,066,322

The Nature Conservancy will use this grant to buy 1,060 acres, including more than 533 acres of forest and wetland along the Clearwater River. The project will add to the more than 3,000 acres already protected. This project is part of a multi-year project to conserve forest habitat from the headwaters of the Clearwater River to its confluence with the Queets Rivers. The purchase will protect the land from logging and development. The project protects a complex of habitat along the river, including mature, low-elevation Sitka spruce forest in the valley-bottom floodplain. The Queets and Clearwater Rivers of the Olympic Peninsula support some of the healthiest, most viable, and genetically diverse salmon populations in the lower 48 states, making these rivers an essential anchor for salmon recovery. The rivers drain an area of more than 287,383 acres and are home to wild populations of Chinook, coho, chum, pink, and sockeye salmon, steelhead, cutthroat, and bull trout. The rivers and the forests along their banks are used by other important species, such as the Pacific lamprey, Olympic mudminnow, and marbled murrelet. The Nature Conservancy will contribute more than \$1.6 million in donations of cash. For more details, click [12-1393](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Land in the Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve

Grant Requested: \$2,909,812

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to protect some of the most ecologically important and highly threatened private shoreline in the 6,287-acre Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve on Hood Canal. Dabob Bay is one of the most intact estuarine bays remaining in Puget Sound, and protection of it is important because much of these tidal wetlands have been lost or are being damaged. The land is threatened by increasing waterfront development in eastern Jefferson County. This project would protect coastal bluffs, shorelines, and other wildlife habitats, including those used by species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, such as orca, marbled murrelet, Hood Canal summer chum salmon, Chinook salmon, and steelhead trout. The department is working with The Nature Conservancy, Northwest Watershed Institute, U.S. Department of Defense, and Jefferson Land Trust to provide long-term protection of an intact coastal estuarine system. For more details, click [12-1175](#).

Whidbey Camano Land Trust Conserving Crockett Lake

Grant Requested: \$883,221

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to buy 393 acres, including Crockett Lake, which is recognized nationally as a critically important, coastal wetland system. Crockett Lake is in Ebey's Landing Reserve, which is managed by the National Park Service. The diverse habitats and the richness of the shallow lake and tidelands, with abundant crustaceans and small fish, provides food and habitat for more than 200 bird species, including hundreds of thousands of migratory and other water-dependent birds, Neotropical songbirds, raptors, and great blue herons. The land is on the Pacific Flyway, is an Audubon Important Bird Area, and a county critical habitat area. Numerous federal, state, and local plans identify Crockett Lake as a high

protection priority. This project will protect nearly the entire wetland. The land is comprised of a full array of high quality, native wetland habitats—freshwater, saltwater, and brackish water wetlands, along with shrub-scrub, wetland forest, upland forest, mudflats and shallow open water. It is next to hundreds of acres of protected wetlands, beaches, feeder bluffs, native prairie, farmlands, marine waters, and old growth and second growth forests. The project also calls for crews to remove weeds and restore some areas. The land trust will contribute \$1.45 million from local and federal grants and donations of cash and land. For more details, click [12-1535](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Requested: \$973,087** **Conserving Land in the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 80 acres in the Kennedy Creek Natural Area Preserve. The privately owned land includes salt marsh vegetation and land along Kennedy and Schneider Creeks. The preserve protects three, high quality, native, intertidal salt marsh ecosystems that are considered rare in the Puget Sound area. The estuary protected by the preserve also provides critical resting, feeding, and overwintering habitat for migrating and resident shorebirds and waterfowl including dunlin, greater yellowlegs, black-bellied plovers and sandpipers. Birds of prey including bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and merlin forage in the estuary. The site also supports a robust run of fall chum and other fish including coho, winter steelhead, and coastal cutthroat. For more details, click [12-1176](#).

Capitol Land Trust **Grant Requested: \$1,000,000** **Conserving the Oakland Bay Estuary**

Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to buy 76 acres on Oakland Bay in Mason County, and restore about 48 acres of a golf course by planting native saltmarsh and upland plants. This project is a key component of a larger Oakland Bay initiative and builds upon a remarkable partnership between conservation, industry, and community groups, and tribal and state governments; a collaboration that has successfully conserved the three other estuarine complexes on northern Oakland Bay and 250 acres of surrounding habitat. This project will protect numerous important habitat types (riparian, freshwater wetland, in-stream, Puget Sound near-shore) that are used by five salmon species, forage fish, shorebirds, waterfowl, shellfish, and other bird species. For sale and facing imminent threat, the site abuts some of the most productive shellfish beds in Washington. Its protection will help sustain many jobs and a \$10 million annual shellfish industry. The land trust will contribute more than \$1.5 million from private and federal grants and a salmon recovery grant through the Recreation and Conservation Office. For more details, click [12-1590](#).

Columbia Land Trust **Grant Requested: \$1,246,200** **Conserving Land along Pine Creek**

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to protect permanently 3,940 acres, including 15.5 miles of Pine Creek. The creek, which is a tributary to the Lewis River, has one of only three remaining spawning populations of endangered bull trout in the Lewis River system. Pine Creek descends from Mount Saint Helens primarily through public land and private forestland.

However, development threatens the Pine Creek watershed. This project will conserve land along two major forks of Pine Creek by preventing development and limiting logging along the riverbanks. The land trust will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for 3,074 acres along 4.9 miles of Pine Creek and additionally buy 866 acres along nearly 11 miles of Pine Creek. This proposal is the third phase of a multi-year project to create a system of protected riparian, forest, and riverine habitat from Mount Saint Helens to the Lewis River. The land trust will contribute more than \$1.8 million from a private grant and federal funding. For more details, click [12-1558](#).

Kitsap County

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Conserving a Kitsap Forest and Grover's Creek

Kitsap County will use this grant to buy and protect permanently 180 acres in the Grover's Creek watershed in north Kitsap County. The project conserves interconnected, highly functioning creek bank habitat in the lower reach of Grover's Creek, 1.1 miles upstream from Miller Bay. The property is under imminent threat of residential development and is a critical link within a larger wildlife corridor that extends from Carpenter Creek near Kingston on east Kitsap Peninsula to Hood Canal near Port Gamble. This project protects the creek's main stem and tributaries; old growth Sitka spruce-western red cedar forests; and palustrine scrub-shrub, emergent and forested peat bog wetlands. The land and its creeks provide spawning and rearing areas for migrating fish, habitat for amphibians, and nesting and foraging areas for Neotropical migratory birds. Given the closeness of this wetland to Miller Bay, the project is essential to the long-term protection of the bay. The County will buy the land from Pope Resources. The County will contribute \$1 million in conservation futures¹, a federal grant, and donations of cash, labor, and property interest. For more details, click [12-1422](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Requested: \$500,000

Conserving Land along the Methow River

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 30 acres in a key reach of the upper Methow River. The land is adjacent to the Big Valley Unit of the Methow Wildlife Area, 8 miles upstream of Winthrop. This area is one of the most ecologically diverse and functioning sections of the main stem of the Methow River. The area supports spring Chinook, steelhead, and bull trout, all of which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. The purchase also will maintain land connections for a variety of animals, including wolverines, wolves, grizzly bears, lynx, and migratory songbirds. Development pressure in the Methow Valley is intense, and this purchase will include about a half-mile of the Methow River in a natural condition. The purchase also will allow the department to enhance hiking, bird watching, fishing, hunting, mushroom gathering, and other recreation. For more details, click [12-1128](#).

¹ 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.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$650,000**
Conserving the Touchet River Headwaters for Bull Trout

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 760 acres of the Bennett property along the upper Wolf Fork of the Touchet River. The land is next to other publicly owned lands. The Wolf Fork is the primary stronghold in the Touchet River basin for bull trout, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. The project area contains a yearly average of 22 percent of the bull trout redds in the Wolf Fork, and nearly 15 percent of all the bull trout redds in the entire Touchet watershed. The Wolf Fork also is used by steelhead, which are listed under the Endangered Species Act, as well as Rocky Mountain tailed frogs and margined sculpins. The land is an important travel corridor and nesting area for Neotropical migrant birds. Wolves, bears, cougars, eagles, elk, deer, moose, grouse, and many other wildlife species also use the area. Sensitive species, such as pileated woodpeckers, goshawks, Vaux's swifts, olive-sided flycatchers, and vesper sparrows, nest in the area. Protection of critical and essential habitats in this area is considered a high priority in regional planning efforts. For more details, click [12-1126](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Requested: \$1,600,000**
Conserving Merrill Lake Waterfront

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 437 acres in Cowlitz County lying between Merrill Lake and the Kalama River. The land is along Kalama River and Dry Creek, which flows into Merrill Lake. The property has many unique features including lava beds with tree casts, high volume springs feeding the Kalama river, small old growth tree stands, waterfalls, and high quality native plant communities. The purchase will allow the department to provide long-term protection of habitat and ensure public access to the lake and river shorelines. The site connects with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest to the north and the department's Merrill Lake Natural Resource Conservation Area to the south. A diverse suite of species will benefit from the overall project including steelhead, coho, elk, marten, Chinook, western toad, spotted owl, and osprey. Portions of land to be acquired have large, old growth cedar or fir and include riverfront at the 40-foot waterfall on the Kalama River. The land is threatened by subdivision for recreational lots or resort type development. For more details, click [12-1136](#).

Squaxin Island Tribe **Grant Requested: \$130,000**
Acquiring Land in the Skookum Estuary

The Squaxin Island Tribe will use this grant to buy nearly 23 acres of estuary and creek banks associated with Skookum Creek and the head of the Skookum inlet, in Mason County. The land is next to the 143-acre Skookum Inlet Natural Areas Preserve, managed by the Washington Department of Natural Resources. This acquisition will protect nearly a half-mile of near-shore habitat and 7 acres of tidal saltmarsh in good condition. Skookum Inlet provides rearing and transition habitat for coho, chum, and visiting Chinook salmon as well as cutthroat and steelhead trout. The land also is used by migratory birds, including waterfowl and shorebirds. The tribe will contribute \$155,000 in donations of cash. For more details, click [12-1589](#).

King County

Grant Requested: \$200,000

Buying Land along the Green River

King County will use this grant to preserve 18.7 acres in the Kanaskat reach of the Green River. This reach connects 41,000 acres of state-owned land upriver with 4,000 acres owned by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and King County along the Green River Gorge downriver. King County owns more than 200 acres in the Kanaskat reach, yet private in-holdings remain. This 2-mile reach contains three river side channels and two large wetlands. Four streams and several seasonal tributaries enter the north side of the river in this reach. Fall Chinook spawn in the river at one of the highest densities in the watershed. Preserving this area will help Chinook salmon in the Green River. The reach also provides habitat for steelhead, coho, chum, and pink salmon. Other wildlife listed as species of concern by the state are present: osprey, northern goshawk, turkey vulture, pileated woodpecker, Vaux's swift, great blue heron, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, and possibly gray wolf. The north Rainier elk herd of the White River unit (one of 10 documented elk herds in the state), regularly traverses the reach. Cougars, elk, and river otters also are present. The land also has some old trees: More than 20 conifers exceed an estimated 200 years of age. In time, this 200-acre preserve will develop old growth forest characteristics, which is unusual for a low-elevation riverine forest in western Washington. The County will contribute \$200,000 from conservation futures² and a voter-approved levy. For more details, click [12-1236](#).

Capitol Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$1,000,000

Conserving the Deschutes River

The Capitol Land Trust will use this grant to buy 427 acres of prime habitat along 1 mile of the Deschutes River main stem and nearly all of Ayer and Elwanger Creeks. The purchase will conserve one of the largest, most intact and strategically important riparian-freshwater wetland habitat complexes in the Deschutes River watershed. The project will create the largest contiguous, protected habitat area in the lower Deschutes watershed. It will protect multiple priority habitat types (riparian, corridor, freshwater wetland, in-stream, snags and logs) that collectively provide habitat for multiple priority species including salmon, bird, waterfowl, raptor, mammal, and amphibian. This project builds upon previous protection of nearby land and alleviates imminent threat by preventing the construction of more than 115 homes that already have received preliminary plat approval. The land trust will contribute more than \$1 million from a private grant and a salmon recovery funding grant through the Recreation and Conservation Office. For more details, click [12-1502](#).

Bainbridge Island Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$274,655

Protecting West Bainbridge Shoreline

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust will use this grant to buy 11.87 acres of undeveloped shoreline, permanently protecting 4.3 acres of tideland, 550 feet of shoreline, and 7.57 acres of stream

² 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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bank habitat. The land includes eel grass beds, active feeder bluffs, sandy beach, mature forest, a small stream, seeps, ravines, and an open meadow. The land is north and almost contiguous with permanently protected state-owned tidelands. The near-shore waters of east Kitsap County support Chinook, coho, chum, and pink salmon, and cutthroat trout. The property also provides an opportunity for carefully designed public access to the shoreline. The land trust will contribute more than \$1.4 million from a grant, two salmon recovery grants through the Recreation and Conservation Office, and donations of cash and land. For more details, click [12-1513](#).

Whidbey Camano Land Trust Conserving the Deer Lagoon Wetlands

Grant Requested: \$71,500

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust will use this grant to help protect permanently 31 acres of tidal lagoon and wetlands at Deer Lagoon, located off southwest Whidbey Island in Island County. This project will protect the last private property in Deer Lagoon, the most extensive estuarine marsh on Whidbey Island. Deer Lagoon is more than 500 acres and has an unusually favorable combination of freshwater and saltwater habitats in an array that includes bay and tidal marshlands, brackish ponds, small islands, and scrub-shrub uplands. This rich habitat is an Audubon Important Bird Area and an Island County Habitat of Local Importance used by concentrations of plovers, sandpipers, and waterfowl among other federal and state sensitive bird species. The lagoon also provides rearing habitat for juvenile salmon and forage fish. The land trust will either buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, or buy the land directly. Development in the area has had a significant impact on the availability of land for migratory birds. This property is a vital connection between the Deer Lagoon wetlands protected by Island County and the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, 54 acres of farmland protected by the land trust, and adjacent farmland that birds and mammals need for critical parts of their life. The land trust will contribute \$80,000 from a federal grant, labor, and donations of labor and property interest. For more details, click [12-1570](#).



State Lands Development and Renovation Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
 Grants Awarded (2013-2015)

Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	12-1300D	North Willapa Bay Recreation Development Phase 1	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$310,000		\$310,000	\$310,000
2	12-1082D	East Tiger Mtn Trail System Development Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$320,000	\$137,200	\$457,200	\$320,000
3	12-1215D	Old Highway 10 Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$289,000		\$289,000	\$289,000
4	12-1568D	Lake Tahuya Access Development ¹	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$280,000		\$280,000	Not Funded
5	12-1121D	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Access	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$325,000		\$325,000	\$317,750
6	12-1336D	Tennant Lake Wetland Boardwalk Renovation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$325,000		\$325,000	Alternate
7	12-1261D	Grande Ronde River Campground Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$175,000		\$175,000	Alternate
8	12-1235D	Dirty Harry's Peak Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$90,000	\$18,000	\$108,000	Alternate
9	12-1011D	Secret Harbor Public Access and Environmental Education	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$290,961	\$32,914	\$323,875	Alternate
				\$2,404,961	\$188,114	\$2,593,075	\$1,236,750

¹Legislature did not approve funding for this project.

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Grant Awarded Resolution 2013-08

Project Number Types: D=Development

State Lands Development and Renovation Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Preliminary Ranking (2013-2015)

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	47.00	12-1300D	North Willapa Bay Recreation Development Phase 1	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$310,000		\$310,000
2	44.55	12-1082D	East Tiger Mtn Trail System Development Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$320,000	\$137,200	\$457,200
3	44.45	12-1215D	Old Highway 10 Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$289,000		\$289,000
4	43.55	12-1568D	Lake Tahuya Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$280,000		\$280,000
5	43.27	12-1121D	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Access Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$325,000		\$325,000
6	42.18	12-1336D	Tennant Lake Wetland Boardwalk Renovation	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$325,000		\$325,000
7	41.09	12-1261D	Grande Ronde River Campground Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$175,000		\$175,000
8	40.64	12-1235D	Dirty Harry's Peak Trail Development	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$90,000	\$18,000	\$108,000
9	37.73	12-1011D	Secret Harbor Public Access and Environmental Education	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$290,961	\$32,914	\$323,875
					\$2,404,961	\$188,114	\$2,593,075

Project Number Types: D=Development



State Lands Development and Renovation Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
 Evaluation Summary (2013-2015)

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Rank	Project Name	Public Need	Site Suitability and Design	Diversity and Compatibility	Performance Measure	Public Benefit	Population Proximity	Total
1	North Willapa Bay Recreation Development	17.82	13.09	8.18	3.73	4.18	0.00	47.00
2	East Tiger Mountain Trail System Development	16.00	12.55	7.27	3.55	4.18	1.00	44.55
3	Old Highway 10 Access Development	17.09	13.09	6.91	3.36	4.00	0.00	44.45
4	Lake Tahuya Access Development	15.27	12.27	7.09	4.09	3.82	1.00	43.55
5	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Access Development	14.18	12.27	7.82	3.91	4.09	1.00	43.27
6	Tennant Lake Wetland Boardwalk Renovation	15.64	11.45	7.45	3.00	3.64	1.00	42.18
7	Grande Ronde River Campground Development	15.27	11.45	7.45	3.18	3.73	0.00	41.09
8	Dirty Harry's Peak Trail Development	16.00	10.09	6.18	3.55	3.82	1.00	40.64
9	Secret Harbor Public Access and Environmental Education	12.36	11.73	6.55	3.64	3.45	0.00	37.73

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-5, RCO Staff Scored 6.

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing North Willapa Bay Recreation

Grant Request: \$310,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to begin development of the North Willapa Bay Wildlife Area Unit. The department will build two parking lots, two short trails for non-motorized uses, and two interpretive kiosks at viewpoints. The .8-mile Hawks Point Bluff Trail will use a logging road and will end at a majestic bluff viewpoint overlooking Willapa Bay. The second trail, the .2-mile Bay Access Trail, will provide secluded beach access for a variety of recreational opportunities. Willapa Bay in southwest Washington is regarded widely as one of the most pristine estuaries in the United States and is the second largest estuary on North America's West Coast. During the past decade, the department has played an integral role in a partnership that has protected several thousand acres of estuaries, wetlands, and associated buffers throughout Willapa Bay. For details, click [12-1300](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing Trails on East Tiger Mountain

Grant Request: \$320,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop two trails in the eastern portion of Tiger Mountain State Forest. The department will build about 5 miles of trail and three trail bridges from the Tiger Summit Trailhead. One trail will give visitors an alternative to forest roads by connecting Tiger Summit Trailhead directly to the East Tiger Summit Viewpoint, which offers views of Mount Rainier and surrounding lowlands. A second trail for mountain bikers will connect East Tiger Summit directly to the Tiger Summit Trailhead. These two trails will reduce user conflict by separating different types of trail users at this popular recreational area. The department will contribute \$137,200 in labor, materials, and donated labor. For details, click [12-1082](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing the Old Highway 10 Yakima River Access

Grant Request: \$289,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to add a boat ramp and parking lot at the Old Highway 10 Yakima River Access, a half-mile above the Town Diversion Dam, northwest of Ellensburg. The department will build a ramp for drift boats, kayaks, canoes, and rafts. It also will build a parking lot, install a pad for a seasonal outhouse, add fill to improve sight lines for drivers and highway access, place barrier rock to prevent damage to plants, and install a gate for access to the trail. The department also will build a walking trail running the length of the site to the west, giving people a place for bank fishing and watching the mule deer, bald eagles, beavers, and other animals that visit the site. The Yakima River provides a "blue-ribbon" trout fishery and is used heavily by anglers and recreational floaters from around the state. The improvements to the Old Highway 10 site will allow for an afternoon float from the department's Thorp Bridge access site about 3.5 miles upriver or a longer float from the

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Teaway Junction Access, which is about 13 miles upstream from Thorp Bridge. For details, click [12-1215](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing the Lake Tahuya Access

Grant Request: \$280,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to pave a parking lot and entry, build a pathway to Lake Tahuya, install an entrance gate and a chain link fence along the property lines, and place signs and a concrete pad for a vault toilet. Lake Tahuya is the third largest lake in Kitsap County, and the department wants to develop a quality trout fishery there. For details, click [12-1568](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing the Woodard Bay Access

Grant Request: \$325,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to improve the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area. The department will create safe access to the beach, develop an interpretive program including an environmental learning shelter, upgrade the parking lot and kayak and canoe launch, and restore the Woodard Bay and Chapman Bay estuaries. The primary beach access area has steep slopes and eroding banks that expose industrial materials, such as rusting pipes and cables, which are remnants from the site's history as a log dump. To improve the safety of the beach access, the department will remove metals and other dangerous materials. This project is part of a larger effort to restore beach habitat and to enhance low-impact recreation and environmental education at the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area. Located in Thurston County, the conservation area encompasses 865 acres of forests, estuaries, and tidelands in Puget Sound. It is at the end of the 22-mile Chehalis-Western Trail, which links Olympia to Yelm. The conservation area's three hiking trails provide panoramic views of Woodard Bay, Chapman Bay, and Henderson Inlet as well as views of priority wildlife populations like harbor seals, yuma myotis and little brown bats, and great blue herons. The conservation area also offers primitive beach access and the only seasonal, non-motorized public boat access to Henderson Inlet. For details, click [12-1121](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Renovating the Tennant Lake Wetland Boardwalk

Grant Request: \$325,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to renovate the Tennant Lake boardwalk, which is under water and unusable much of the year. The department will renovate 2,000 feet of the long loop trail to raise it and keep it dry year-round. The department also will renovate the 250-foot short spur section and make it accessible to people with disabilities. Wheelchair users then would be able to get to the boardwalk and the viewing platform on the lake's edge. The boardwalk has aged, and Tennant Lake has risen. During winter and early spring, the majority of the boardwalk is under water and must be closed to the public. When the water levels drop in

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spring, the boardwalk is reopened. The Tennant Lake Unit of the Whatcom Wildlife Area is 5 miles west of Ferndale. A trail leads from the parking lot to the start of the Tennant Lake wetland boardwalk. This popular boardwalk provides visitors a unique perspective of a spectacular wetland. The boardwalk meanders through swamp and marsh habitats along the edge of the lake providing views of wetland-associated vegetation and wildlife. For details, click [12-1336](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Developing the Grande Ronde River Campground

Grant Request: \$175,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop a campground in the Chief Joseph Wildlife Area. The campground would be about 4 acres in size and have about 10 campsites, each of which would accommodate a family-sized tent or medium-sized travel trailer. As part of the campground development, the department will install an information kiosk, a graveled road, and an outhouse. The campground would be 35 miles south of Clarkston, via Highway 129 and Snake River Road. The area offers steelhead, bass, and trout fishing as well as opportunities to view deer, elk, big-horned sheep, birds, and wildflowers. Hunting of big game and birds also is allowed. For details, click [12-1261](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing Dirty Harry's Peak Trail

Grant Request: \$90,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build a 3-mile hiking trail to Dirty Harry's Peak in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Area in east King County. This project will provide a safe and sustainable trail to access an increasingly popular recreation area for hiking and snowshoeing. Hikers and snowshoers are using an old logging road with significant erosion and drainage problems. The department plans to abandon this old logging road and convert 2 miles of it to a trail, and then build 1 mile of new trail. The department will contribute \$18,000 in cash and donations of labor. For details, click [12-1235](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Developing Secret Harbor Public Access

Grant Request: \$290,961

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to begin development of Secret Harbor, which is in the southern portion of the Cypress Island Natural Resources Conservation Area, in Skagit County. The department will convert roads to trails and install two composting toilets, signs, and an elevated walkway over a saltwater marsh that is being restored. This project will integrate with the restoration of saltwater marsh and estuary habitat in Secret Harbor, an area heavily impacted by human use and will allow an increasingly rare opportunity for the public to experience a functioning saltwater marsh system. The department will contribute \$32,914. For details, click [12-1011](#).

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Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	12-1226R	Oak Creek Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$380,000	\$25,000	\$405,000	\$380,000
2	12-1527R	South Puget Sound Prairie and Oak Woodland	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$324,500		\$324,500	\$324,500
3	12-1349R	Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area Forest and Meadow Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$72,500		\$72,500	\$72,500
4	12-1561R	Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000		\$150,000	\$150,000
5	12-1606R	Methow Forest Restoration Project Phase 1	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000	\$29,000	\$529,000	\$309,750
6	12-1560R	Kahlotus-Marcellus Natural Area Preserve Shrub Steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$71,600		\$71,600	Alternate
7	12-1534R	Washougal Oaks Natural Area Restoration Phase 3	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$98,000		\$98,000	Alternate
8	12-1612R	Lacamas Prairie Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$135,000		\$135,000	Alternate
9	12-1116R	Welch-Anderson Shrub Steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$30,000		\$30,000	Alternate
10	12-1852R	Lower Cottonwood Slough	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$56,274		\$56,274	Alternate
11	12-1119R	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Wetland and Shoreline Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$97,700	\$7,000	\$104,700	Alternate
12	12-1046R	Secret Harbor Estuary and Salt Marsh Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$480,207	\$100,000	\$580,207	Alternate
13	12-1253R	Chehalis River Surge Plain Ecosystem Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$87,400		\$87,400	Alternate
14	12-1316R	Toutle River Enhancement Phase 5	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$336,000		\$336,000	Alternate
15	12-1315R	Bear Creek Riparian Enhancement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$46,500		\$46,500	Alternate
16	12-1259R	Methow-Okanogan Habitat Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$131,500		\$131,500	Alternate
				\$2,997,181	\$161,000	\$3,158,181	\$1,236,750

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Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	50.50	12-1226R	Oak Creek Forest Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$380,000	\$25,000	\$405,000
2	50.25	12-1527R	South Puget Sound Prairie and Oak Woodland	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$324,500		\$324,500
3	49.00	12-1349R	Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area Forest and Meadow Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$72,500		\$72,500
4	46.88	12-1561R	Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve Restoration Phase 2	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$150,000		\$150,000
5	46.38	12-1606R	Methow Forest Restoration Project Phase 1	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$500,000	\$29,000	\$529,000
6	45.63	12-1560R	Kahlotus-Marcellus Natural Area Preserve Shrub Steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$71,600		\$71,600
7	45.38	12-1534R	Washougal Oaks Natural Area Restoration Phase 3	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$98,000		\$98,000
8	45.13	12-1612R	Lacamas Prairie Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$135,000		\$135,000
9	44.50	12-1116R	Welch-Anderson Shrub Steppe Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$30,000		\$30,000
10	44.38	12-1852R	Lower Cottonwood Slough	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$56,274		\$56,274
11	43.75	12-1119R	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Wetland and Shoreline Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$97,700	\$7,000	\$104,700
12	42.63	12-1046R	Secret Harbor Estuary and Salt Marsh Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$480,207	\$100,000	\$580,207
13	42.50	12-1253R	Chehalis River Surge Plain Ecosystem Restoration	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$87,400		\$87,400
14	41.38	12-1316R	Toutle River Enhancement Phase 5	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$336,000		\$336,000
15	40.50	12-1315R	Bear Creek Riparian Enhancement	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$46,500		\$46,500
16	26.88	12-1259R	Methow-Okanogan Habitat Restoration	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$131,500		\$131,500
					\$2,997,181	\$161,000	\$3,158,181

Project Number Types: R=Restoration

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	Question	1	2	3	4	5	
Rank	Project Name	Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Need for Restoration and Enhancement	Project Design	Planning	Public Benefit	Total
1	Oak Creek Forest Restoration	13.75	13.63	14.38	4.50	4.25	50.50
2	South Puget Sound Prairie and Oak Woodland	13.63	13.50	14.25	4.75	4.13	50.25
3	Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area Forest and Meadow Restoration	13.50	13.25	13.88	4.25	4.13	49.00
4	Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve Restoration Phase 2	12.88	13.00	13.13	4.00	3.88	46.88
5	Methow Forest Restoration Phase 1	12.38	12.75	12.63	4.50	4.13	46.38
6	Kahlotus-Marcellus Natural Area Preserve Shrub Steppe Restoration	13.00	12.00	13.13	4.00	3.50	45.63
7	Washougal Oaks Natural Area Restoration Phase 3	13.00	12.38	11.88	4.00	4.13	45.38
8	Lacamas Prairie Restoration	12.25	12.25	12.88	4.00	3.75	45.13
9	Welch-Anderson Shrub Steppe Restoration	11.38	12.25	12.88	4.13	3.88	44.50
10	Lower Cottonwood Slough	12.50	12.00	12.88	3.63	3.38	44.38
11	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Wetland and Shoreline Restoration	11.50	11.75	12.63	4.00	3.88	43.75
12	Secret Harbor Estuary and Salt Marsh Restoration	11.00	11.38	12.75	4.13	3.38	42.63
13	Chehalis River Surge Plain Ecosystem Restoration	11.38	11.75	11.63	4.00	3.75	42.50
14	Toutle River Enhancement Phase 5	10.63	11.38	12.38	3.63	3.38	41.38
15	Bear Creek Riparian Enhancement	10.63	10.50	12.38	3.63	3.38	40.50
16	Methow-Okanogan Habitat Restoration	8.38	7.88	6.25	2.13	2.25	26.88

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-5.



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Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	12-1248D	Olallie Trail Development	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,168,000	\$63,000	\$1,231,000	\$1,168,000
2	12-1095A	Fudge Point Acquisition Phase 1	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,540,000		\$2,540,000	\$2,540,000
3	12-1530A	Cape Disappointment Seaview Dunes Phase 2	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$750,000		\$750,000	\$750,000
4	12-1557D	Miller Peninsula Initial Park Access	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$228,600		\$228,600	\$228,600
5	12-1723D	Nisqually Initial Park Access	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$295,800		\$295,800	\$295,800
6	12-1246A	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
7	12-1245A	Nisqually State Park-Manke Property Phase 2	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,381,500		\$1,381,500	\$1,381,500
8	12-1420D	Beacon Rock Day Use Picnic Shelter	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$229,800		\$229,800	\$56,600
9	12-1505A	Millersylvania-Deep Lake Resort Acquisition	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,038,553		\$2,038,553	Alternate
10	12-1722D	Wolfe Initial Park Access	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$245,400		\$245,400	Alternate
11	12-1341D	Rasar State Park Group Camp Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$435,000		\$435,000	Alternate
				\$10,312,653	\$63,000	\$10,375,653	\$7,420,500

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Oak Creek Forest through Logging and Fire

Grant Request: \$380,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore the Oak Creek forest by thinning and burning 940 acres owned by the department in the Tieton unit of the Oak Creek Wildlife Area. The Tieton unit consists of 10,000 acres of shrub-steppe habitat, oak woodlands, ponderosa pine and Douglas fir forests, cliffs and talus slopes, and nearly 8 miles along the Tieton River. The department will thin 500 acres and burn 440 acres. The lands proposed for treatment are interspersed with U.S. Forest Service lands. The department will contribute \$25,000 from a private grant. For more details, click [12-1226](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring South Puget Sound Prairie and Oak Woodland

Grant Request: \$324,500

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore several prairies and oak woodlands by collecting seeds and replanting the areas. The land includes the highest priority, glacial outwash prairie and oak woodland, and associated bald habitats on state lands in southern Puget Sound. Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, Bald Hill, Rocky Prairie, and West Rocky Prairie are home to rare plants, animals, and plant communities. They are being degraded by invading species. The department will acquire native seeds and transplants, prepare areas for seeding by removing trees and burning the areas, plant seeds or plugs, and control exotic grasses and forbs. The Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, Joint Base Lewis McChord, and the Center for Natural Land Management have built a partnership to provide a diversity of native species for direct seeding in grassland and oak woodland restoration in south Puget Sound. For more details, click [12-1527](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Klickitat Canyon Forest and Meadow

Grant Request: \$72,500

The Department of Natural Resources' Natural Areas Program will use this grant to restore meadow and dry forest habitats in the Klickitat Canyon Natural Resources Conservation Area to benefit three plant and animal species. The conservation area is 3 miles northeast of Glenwood and includes a 3-mile stretch of the free-flowing Klickitat River, talus habitats, a unique meadow and ponderosa pine complex, and mixed coniferous forest. The department will restore about 55 acres of meadow and streambank habitat and 250 acres of open ponderosa pine forest used by greater sandhill cranes and the mardon skipper butterfly, both state endangered species. One of only five sandhill crane nesting areas within Washington is near the project site, which provides important foraging habitat during the nesting season. The open forest and meadow habitats are used by the mardon skipper, and the forested area supports a population of the state sensitive plant, long-bearded sego lily. Areas within these habitats have been degraded in the past by ditching, road building, logging, livestock grazing, and invasions by non-native

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species. The department will restore the meadow by removing flood control structures to allow seasonal flooding to improve habitat for native plants. The department also will collect seeds from native plants, thin encroaching trees and shrubs from the meadow and from long-bearded sego-lily habitat, replant the area, and control invading plants. For more details, click [12-1349](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve

Grant Request: \$150,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore a rare type of prairie on Whidbey Island. The Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve on the island is one of 12 known sites in the world for *castilleja levisecta* (CALE), a plant species that is listed by the federal government as threatened with extinction and by the state as endangered. The preserve also has the largest remnant of a rare, undescribed mesic prairie type, unique to Whidbey and nearly extirpated in the Puget Sound region. The department will mow, burn, control invasive species, and plant up to 60,000 plugs of native prairie species. Wildlife trees will be created for raptor roosts. The north trail will be moved to protect the restoration area. The prairie area was cleared of shrubs and trees and part of the cleared area was planted with CALE and native prairie species. Failure to follow-up with plantings in the unplanted area will reverse previous restoration efforts and allow invasion of weeds. For more details, click [12-1561](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring the Methow Forest through Thinning

Grant Request: \$500,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to thin ponderosa pine and aspen forests in Okanogan County to restore them to health. The restoration targets 3,604 acres in the department's Methow Wildlife Area. Fire plays a primary role in maintaining ponderosa pine and aspen forest. Stopping fires for the past century has brought these forests to the brink of collapse. Historically, these forests had 5 to 30 trees per acre and now have 600-1,300 trees per acre. Conifers are driving aspen from the land. Delaying implementation increases risk of catastrophic fire like the 178,000-acre Tripod fire that burned the edge of the project area in 2006. The project area lies between national forest and developed private lands. The Methow River and tributaries flowing through the wildlife area are used by steelhead, spring Chinook salmon and bull trout, all listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The wildlife area also lies in an area for wolf conservation and is the winter range for the largest mule deer herd in Washington. This project will improve forest viability and provide abundant educational opportunities in forest ecology as well as family wage jobs. The department will contribute \$29,000. For more details, click [12-1606](#).

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Request: \$71,600** **Restoring Shrub-Steppe in the Kahlotus and Marcellus Natural Area Preserves**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore grassland and shrub-steppe habitat in two natural area preserves in eastern Washington. Kahlotus Natural Area Preserve in Franklin County supports the largest known, intact example of Palouse grassland vegetation in Washington. This site also contains a large population of the rare plant, Piper's daisy. Marcellus Natural Area Preserve in Adams County contains three plant communities that are representative of the shrub-steppe ecosystem. This site also contains alkali vernal ponds. The project goals are to restore 36 acres of native plant communities in altered areas within each preserve and to protect the remaining high quality areas found on these preserves. The department will remove non-native grasses and forbs and plant these areas with native vegetation. At one time, the Palouse prairie and shrub-steppe plant communities covered most of eastern Washington and extended into Oregon and Idaho. During the past 150 years, many of these areas have been converted to farms, cattle grazing, or development leaving very few good quality plant communities. For more details, click [12-1560](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Request: \$98,000** **Restoring Washougal Oaks Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to continue the restoration of 152 acres of an imperiled oak ecosystem in the Washougal Oaks Natural Area Preserve, which is about 3 miles east of Washougal in southeastern Clark County. The Washougal Oaks Natural Area was established in 2003 to protect the largest, high-quality oak woodland remaining in western Washington as well as to protect the habitat for several rare plants and animals. The site provides habitat for the rare small-flowered trillium, tall bugbane, slender-billed nuthatch, and Larch mountain salamander. Newly acquired lands that were cleared for farming will be restored to oak savannah with a native shrub layer. In the oak forest, trees that are shading native oaks, will be topped or girdled and left standing as wildlife trees. Native forb and shrub communities that were displaced by the now-controlled Himalayan blackberry and English ivy, will be replanted with native plants. The department also will install 40 starling-proof birdhouses to enhance nesting options for the slender-billed nuthatch and other cavity nesting species. Local school groups will continue to help with planting and weed control efforts. This project is vital to protecting and reconnecting imperiled oak forest at this site. This is the third phase of restoration. For more details, click [12-1534](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Request: \$135,000** **Restoring Lacamas Prairie**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore an imperiled wet prairie and Oregon white oak-ash-snowberry forest in Clark County, north of Lacamas Lake and Camas. The Lacamas Prairie Natural Area was established in 2009 to protect the last remaining example of

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Willamette Valley wet prairie in the state as well as habitat for five rare plants and one bird of conservation concern. The department will remove invasive weeds and encroaching woody vegetation both mechanically and by using herbicides. The department also will install water control structures to restore the water flow. By restoring these plant communities, this project also will protect habitat for rare species like Hall's aster, Oregon coyote thistle, slender-billed nuthatch, small-flowered trillium, and the endangered Bradshaw's lomatium. For more details, click [12-1612](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Welch-Anderson Shrub-Steppe

Grant Request: \$30,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore shrub-steppe habitat on 120 acres of retired wheat fields in the Welch-Anderson unit of Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area. These fields are 8 miles south of U.S. Highway 2 in central Lincoln County, and 70 miles west of Spokane. The fields are 1 mile apart from each other. The non-native crested wheatgrass will be converted to a mix of native and native-like forbs and native grasses, improving the ecological integrity and biological diversity of this upland habitat, and reducing habitat fragmentation. Shrub-steppe habitat, the amount of which has been greatly reduced in the past 100 years, is listed as a state priority habitat. This area also hosts several priority wildlife species, including Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, sage grouse, mule deer, and white-tailed jackrabbit. Restoration of these 120 acres builds upon more than 1,000 acres of shrub-steppe and grassland habitat that already has been restored in the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area and the adjacent U.S. Bureau of Land Management Twin Lakes Recreation Area. For more details, click [12-1116](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Lower Cottonwood Slough

Grant Request: \$56,274

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to remove road fill blocking Cottonwood Slough. The slough is an historic side channel and backwater area of the Skagit River in the department's Skagit Wildlife Area. The slough is isolated from the river most of the time by a road built decades ago for logging Cottonwood Island. The department will remove the road fill at the downstream end of Cottonwood Slough, about 200 feet from the confluence of the slough with the Skagit River. This will open 2 acres of isolated, back-watered area, improving habitat for Skagit River Chinook salmon, which are threatened with extinction. The department also will replant the area. For more details, click [12-1852](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Woodard Bay Wetlands and Shoreline

Grant Request: \$97,700

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the wetlands and shoreline in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area. The 867-acre conservation area is north of Olympia, on Henderson Inlet, in Thurston County. It contains important shoreline, an estuary,

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freshwater wetlands and streams, a small lake, and habitat for many wildlife species. The department will restore the saltwater shoreline and enhance degraded and poorly buffered wetlands and shorelines. The department also will rebuild forested wetlands and the banks of a lake. On Weyer Point, disturbance from the historic log dump created areas dominated by invasive species along the shoreline. The department will control invasive species and plant native species on 26 acres. Large portions of Weyer Point already have been restored; this project will complete the restoration. The conservation area is used by bats, migratory waterfowl, and Neotropical, migratory birds. The department will contribute \$7,000 from donations of labor and materials. For more details, click [12-1119](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Secret Harbor Estuary and Salt Marsh

Grant Request: \$480,207

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore a continuum of estuarine, salt marsh, wetland, stream, and forest habitat at Secret Harbor, in the Cypress Island Natural Resources Conservation Area and Aquatic Reserve in Skagit County. The department will remove 300 feet of dike, which disrupted salt marsh habitat, and remove the fill behind the dike to allow the saltwater to return. The work will provide critical habitat for migrating salmon species as well as marine birds and waterfowl. Work will include filling irrigation ditches to restore ground water flow to freshwater ponds and wetlands, removing two culverts, and replanting. The project will restore hydrologic connection and near-shore processes to the estuary and adjacent freshwater wetlands and streams. The project area covers about 28 acres in Secret Harbor. Cypress Island supports communities of marbled murrelet, Pacific salmon, crabs, marine birds, and bald eagles to name a few. Restoration of this site will expand and improve the habitat to support them. The department will contribute \$100,000 from a federal grant and cash. For more details, click [12-1046](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Chehalis River Surge Plain Ecosystem

Grant Request: \$87,400

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to remove invasive plants and replant part of the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve. The preserve is an extraordinary wetland near the mouth of the Chehalis River, between Aberdeen and Montesano, in Grays Harbor County. The primary wetland community is a Sitka spruce-dominated forest, with wide gaps created by wind-thrown trees, numerous winding channels, and dense native vegetation. The department will protect the preserve from invasive species and will plant native, surge plain species in disturbed or non-native dominated sites. For more details, click [12-1253](#).

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Enhancing the Toutle River for Elk

Grant Request: \$336,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to protect critical elk winter range and improve the banks of the north fork of the Toutle River in the department's Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area. The department will install log structures to slow bank erosion and allow the forest on the riverbanks to recover. The department will install lateral log wall structures to move the main channel away from eroding banks and small logjams to increase floodplain roughness, fostering a more stable river channel. Most of the work will be done upstream of previous work. The department also will plant shrubs, alder, and other trees to speed recovery of habitat and further increase bank stability. Reducing erosion will improve water quality, both on site and downstream. For more details, click [12-1316](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Enhancing the Banks of Bear Creek

Grant Request: \$46,500

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 3.1 miles of Bear Creek in the department's Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area in Cowlitz County. The department will remove invasive plants, establish tree cover, and plant the banks of the creek. The creek is used by coho salmon, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act, and steelhead. Currently adult coho and steelhead in the surrounding Toutle watershed have to be trucked around a sediment retention facility. Annually, 60 percent or more of these trucked fish are released into Bear Creek as their spawning grounds, making the tributary one of the most critical for recovery in the watershed. Fish are not the only animals that benefit from healthy and diverse creek banks. Elk that winter in the area can feed on creek bank plants when their normal food is buried in deep snow. Although fish and elk are the primary animals helped by this project, other animals, such as western toads, northern alligator lizards, and yellow-rumped warblers also will benefit from improved creek banks. For more details, click [12-1315](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Methow-Okanogan Habitat

Grant Request: \$131,500

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to help restore former agricultural lands to native vegetation in department wildlife areas along the Methow and Similkameen Rivers. The land had been grazed and farmed in years past, and now is a mix of weeds and desirable species. The department will remove the weeds, including Siberian elms (that draw large amounts of groundwater), and replace them with desirable native species such as ponderosa pine and cottonwood. Work will be done on the Driscoll-Eyhott Islands and the old Judd Ranch on the Methow River. For more details, click [12-1259](#).



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Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	41.39	12-1248D	Olallie Trail Development	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,168,000	\$63,000	\$1,231,000
2	39.78	12-1095A	Fudge Point Acquisition Phase 1	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,540,000		\$2,540,000
3	35.56	12-1530A	Cape Disappointment Seaview Dunes Phase 2	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$750,000		\$750,000
4	30.22	12-1557D	Miller Peninsula Initial Park Access	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$228,600		\$228,600
5	29.72	12-1723D	Nisqually Initial Park Access	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$295,800		\$295,800
6	39.39	12-1246A	Inholdings and Adjacent Properties	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
7	38.61	12-1245A	Nisqually State Park-Manke Property Phase 2	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$1,381,500		\$1,381,500
8	33.56	12-1420D	Beacon Rock Day Use Picnic Shelter	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$229,800		\$229,800
9	28.50	12-1505A	Millersylvania-Deep Lake Resort Acquisition	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$2,038,553		\$2,038,553
10	21.33	12-1722D	Wolfe Initial Park Access	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$245,400		\$245,400
11	39.00	12-1341D	Rasar State Park Group Camp Improvements	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$435,000		\$435,000
					\$10,312,653	\$63,000	\$10,375,653

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Project Name	Public Need	Project Significance	Project Design	Project Design Combination	Immediacy of Threat	Immediacy of Threat Combination	Expansion / Phased Project	Multiple Fund Sources	Readiness to Proceed	Application of Sustainability	Population Proximity	Total
Olallie Trail Development	4.11	11.33	7.78				7.33	2.67	3.67	3.00	1.5	41.39
Fudge Point Acquisition Phase 1	3.11	11.67			8.89		6.22	1.78	4.33	3.78		39.78
Inholdings and Adjacent Properties	3.78	11.33			7.11		7.56	2.33	3.00	2.78	1.5	39.39
Rasar State Park Group Camp Improvements	3.78	10.00	8.89				8.44	1.11	3.78	3.00		39.00
Nisqually State Park-Manke Property Phase 2	4.00	12.33			4.67		8.00	0.44	4.44	3.22	1.5	38.61
Cape Disappointment Seaview Dunes Phase 2	3.44	11.67			6.00		8.00	1.22	1.78	3.44		35.56
Beacon Rock Day Use Picnic Shelter	3.56	10.00	8.00				7.11		1.89	3.00		33.56
Miller Peninsula Initial Park Access	3.78	9.67	6.44				6.44		1.56	2.33		30.22
Nisqually Initial Park Access	3.22	8.67	6.22				6.00		1.67	2.44	1.5	29.72
Millersylvania Deep Lake Resort Acquisition	3.56	9.67			4.67		4.67		1.44	3.00	1.5	28.50
Wolfe Initial Park Access	2.44	8.33	5.78				1.56		0.89	2.33		21.33

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-10, RCO Staff Scored Question 11.

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$1,168,000 **Developing an Olallie State Park Trail**

State Parks will use this grant to build 8.6 miles of trail that will give users the chance to explore a dramatic and previously inaccessible area of Olallie State Park. The Olallie Trail will ascend 2,700 feet in elevation, up the forested slopes of Mount Washington above the John Wayne Pioneer Trail for 3.9 miles and then connect with abandoned logging roads that provide frequent, expansive views of the broad glacial valleys and the dramatic topography of the Mountains to Sound Greenway. This trail represents one of the most important opportunities for mountain biking in the region. It connects the John Wayne Pioneer Trail to about 20 miles of trail planned on Forest Service land. It also will connect to a recently completed hiking route to the summit of Mount Washington. State Parks will contribute \$63,000 from donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For details, click [12-1248](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$2,540,000 **Acquiring Fudge Point on Harstine Island**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 62 acres of waterfront, with more than a half-mile of shoreline at Fudge Point, on Harstine Island's eastern shore in Mason County. A property on State Parks' wish list since the 1980s, the land is three-quarters of a mile south of McMicken Island State Park. It has a sandy, gently sloping beach and spectacular views of Mount Rainier, the Olympic Mountains, and Mount Saint Helens. State Parks will collaborate with The Trust for Public Land to make the purchase. State Parks plans to manage this property as a public, day-use park for low-impact activities. This is the first step in a multi-year vision to buy uplands and tidelands adjacent to Fudge Point for a premiere destination state park in the South Sound. For details, click [12-1095](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$750,000 **Protecting Seaview Dunes**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 21.45 acres on Long Beach to retain the visual integrity and habitat of the Seaview dunes. The Seaview dunes area of the Long Beach peninsula offers one of the most spectacular views along the Washington coast. Local zoning allowed a handful of houses to be built there. State Parks will buy six properties, beginning at the southerly State Park boundary and working north to 38th Place, commonly known as the Seaview Ocean Beach Approach. This purchase is part of a multi-year plan to buy property in the Seaview dunes area. For details, click [12-1530](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$228,600 **Improving Miller Peninsula Park**

State Parks will use this grant to pave a small parking lot on the Miller peninsula property to increase visitation. State Parks also will install a vault toilet, informational kiosk, and directional

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and interpretive signs. In addition, State Parks will add hitching posts, a water trough, a ramp to help people with disabilities mount horses, and ample space to circulate and park trucks with trailers to accommodate people with horses. For details, click [12-1557](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$295,800 **Developing Access to Nisqually Park**

State Parks will use this grant to pave a small parking lot in Nisqually State Park. State Parks also will install a vault toilet, informational kiosk, and directional and interpretive signs. In addition, State Parks will add hitching posts, a water trough, a ramp to help people with disabilities mount horses, and ample space to circulate and park trucks with trailers to accommodate people with horses. Finally, State Parks will plant native plants near the parking lot and trailhead. For details, click [12-1723](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$1,000,000 **Buying Inholdings and Land next to State Parks**

State Parks will use this grant to buy up to 104 acres within or adjacent to the boundaries of existing state parks. From time-to-time during each biennium, State Parks learns of desirable adjacent or inholding properties. Some of these properties are small and would not score well in a competitive grant process. Others require immediate response to buy the property. This grant will help State Parks respond more quickly to acquisition opportunities as they arise. In the past, these grants have been used to purchase property to remove undesirable neighbors (a tavern) from a park, to obtain legal access to a park, to acquire desirable property listed with a real estate agent, and to acquire sites with high, natural resource value. For details, click [12-1246](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$1,381,500 **Purchasing Land for Nisqually State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to buy 214 acres of privately owned property in the long-term boundary of Nisqually State Park. The property is owned by the Manke Timber Company and includes the high point in the park, which is planned for an open-air observatory and storytelling area. This area is important to the park's purpose of telling the story of Native American use of the site through time. The land also includes a portion of the planned trail system for the park. The long-term boundary for the park stretches from the western side of the Ohop Valley in the west to State Route 7 in the east. State Parks began buying land there in the early 1990s, and now owns 1,230 acres. The park is at the confluence of the Mashel River and Ohop Creek with the Nisqually River. For details, click [12-1245](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$229,800 **Building the Beacon Rock Picnic Shelter**

State Parks will use this grant to build a picnic shelter and kitchen in the Doetsch day-use area of Beacon Rock State Park. The kitchen shelter will provide picnic facilities for outdoor

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gatherings like weddings, family reunions, and community events. The Doetsch day-use area was completed in 2007 and is popular with school groups, Boy Scouts, wind surfers, picnickers, and others. For details, click [12-1420](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$2,038,553 **Buying the Deep Lake Resort to Expand Millersylvania State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to buy Deep Lake Resort, a private recreational vehicle (RV) campground adjacent to Millersylvania State Park. The land is 5.53 acres and has more than 1,000 feet of shoreline on Deep Lake. The resort has 20 RV sites with full utility hook-ups, a swim area with dock, a boat launch, residences, and a combination shop and administrative building. Millersylvania State Park is a popular, 912-acre camping park on Deep Lake, just south of Olympia. In spite of the extensive acreage, the park's unique natural and historic resources limit the opportunity for expanding RV camping. This acquisition would increase the number of utility campsites at Millersylvania by 30 percent. The purchase also would consolidate State Parks ownership on the eastern shore of the lake and provide much needed staff housing and administrative areas. For details, click [12-1505](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$245,400 **Adding a Parking Lot to Wolfe Park**

State Parks will use this grant to pave a small parking lot at the Wolfe property to increase visitation. State Parks also will install a vault toilet, informational kiosk, and directional and interpretive signs. For details, click [12-1722](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Grant Request: \$435,000 **Improving the Rasar State Park Group Camp**

State Parks will use this grant to build two cabins in the group camp at Rasar State Park in Skagit County. The 400-square-foot cabins will be built with heaters, storage cabinets, bathrooms, and space for up to five people to camp in a secluded forest setting. State Parks also will add four parking stalls, paved and lit access trails, utility connections, and outdoor areas with picnic tables, barbecue grills, and fire rings. The project is the final phase of the multi-phased development of the group camp that began in 1999. The additional two cabins will help meet demand and complete the group camp development. For details, click [12-1341](#).

Trails Projects Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program Grants Awarded (2013-2015)

Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match ¹	Total	Grant Awarded
1	12-1549D	Point Defiance Missing Link	Tacoma Metropolitan Park District	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000
2	12-1392A	Cross Kirkland Corridor	Kirkland	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
3	12-1269D	East Lake Sammamish Trail-North Sammamish Development	King County	\$500,000	\$6,192,567	\$6,692,567	\$500,000
4	12-1122D	Susie Stephens Trail Phase 2	Winthrop	\$365,000	\$365,000	\$730,000	\$365,000
4	12-1429D	Redmond Central Connector Phase 2	Redmond	\$500,000	\$1,001,500	\$1,501,500	\$500,000
6	12-1240D	Spokane River Centennial Trail Northwest Extension	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$664,900	\$120,000	\$784,900	\$582,000
7	12-1564D	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 2	Ferry County	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$70,000	Alternate
8	12-1117D	Spruce Railroad Trail/Tunnel Restoration Phase 2	Clallam County	\$1,499,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,999,000	Alternate
9	12-1022D	Heron Bluff Trail 2012	Moses Lake	\$197,013	\$197,013	\$394,026	Alternate
10	12-1231D	Rocky Reach Trailway Phase 2	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$297,780		\$297,780	Alternate
11	12-1365D	Riverfront Trail Enhancement	Castle Rock	\$334,750	\$334,750	\$669,500	Alternate
12	12-1449D	Foothills Trail-Buckley to South Prairie Phase 2A	Pierce County	\$775,195	\$775,195	\$1,550,390	Alternate
13	12-1347D	Deschutes Valley Trail	Tumwater	\$500,000	\$1,762,000	\$2,262,000	Alternate
14	12-1052D	Edmonds Sunset Avenue Overlook Trail ²	Edmonds	\$415,110	\$415,110	\$830,220	Not Funded
15	12-1501D	Olympic Discovery Trail-Salmon Creek	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$799,785		\$799,785	Alternate
16	12-1603A	Barnes Creek Trail Acquisition	Des Moines	\$750,000	\$770,000	\$1,520,000	Alternate
17	12-1402D	Mason County Coulter Creek Trail Development	Mason County	\$395,000	\$416,000	\$811,000	Alternate
18	12-1061A	Japanese Gulch Trail Acquisition	Mukilteo	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$3,800,000	Alternate
19	12-1129D	Highway 20 Trail Paving ³	Skagit County	\$45,025	\$45,025	\$90,050	Not Funded
20	12-1380C	Rick Tollefson Memorial Trail	Jefferson County	\$450,000	\$491,800	\$941,800	Alternate
				\$13,423,558	\$19,320,960	\$32,744,518	\$4,947,000

¹ Match shown below will be lowered for partially funded projects.

² Grant applicant did not have required match.

³ Grant applicant withdrew project because of its low ranking and is using other resources to complete the trail.

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

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Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Preliminary Ranking (2013-2015)

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	59.89	12-1549D	Point Defiance Missing Link	Tacoma Metropolitan Park District	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000
2	53.89	12-1392A	Cross Kirkland Corridor	Kirkland	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
3	53.44	12-1269D	East Lake Sammamish Trail-North Sammamish Development	King County	\$500,000	\$6,192,567	\$6,692,567
4	52.56	12-1122D	Susie Stephens Trail Phase 2	Winthrop	\$365,000	\$365,000	\$730,000
4	52.56	12-1429D	Redmond Central Connector Phase 2	Redmond	\$500,000	\$1,001,500	\$1,501,500
6	52.06	12-1240D	Spokane River Centennial Trail Northwest Extension	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$664,900	\$120,000	\$784,900
7	51.89	12-1564D	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 2	Ferry County	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$70,000
8	50.33	12-1117D	Spruce Railroad Trail/Tunnel Restoration Phase 2	Clallam County	\$1,499,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,999,000
9	48.94	12-1022D	Heron Bluff Trail 2012	Moses Lake	\$197,013	\$197,013	\$394,026
10	48.61	12-1231D	Rocky Reach Trailway Phase 2	Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission	\$297,780		\$297,780
11	47.56	12-1365D	Riverfront Trail Enhancement	Castle Rock	\$334,750	\$334,750	\$669,500
12	47.28	12-1449D	Foothills Trail-Buckley to South Prairie Phase 2A	Pierce County	\$775,195	\$775,195	\$1,550,390
13	47.11	12-1347D	Deschutes Valley Trail	Tumwater	\$500,000	\$1,762,000	\$2,262,000
14	46.67	12-1052D	Edmonds Sunset Avenue Overlook Trail	Edmonds	\$415,110	\$415,110	\$830,220
15	46.56	12-1501D	Olympic Discovery Trail-Salmon Creek	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$799,785		\$799,785
16	44.67	12-1603A	Barnes Creek Trail Acquisition	Des Moines	\$750,000	\$770,000	\$1,520,000
17	44.00	12-1402D	Mason County Coulter Creek Trail Development	Mason County	\$395,000	\$416,000	\$811,000
18	43.00	12-1061A	Japanese Gulch Trail Acquisition	Mukilteo	\$1,900,000	\$1,900,000	\$3,800,000
19	41.17	12-1129D	Highway 20 Trail Paving	Skagit County	\$45,025	\$45,025	\$90,050
20	34.78	12-1380C	Rick Tollefson Memorial Trail	Jefferson County	\$450,000	\$491,800	\$941,800
					\$13,423,558	\$19,320,960	\$32,744,518

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

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Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

Evaluation Summary (2013-2015)

Question		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Project Design <i>Development</i>	Project Design <i>Combination</i>	Immediacy of Threat <i>Acquisition</i>	Immediacy of Threat <i>Combination</i>	Trail and Community Linkages	Water Access, Views, and Scenic Values	Wildlife Habitat Connectivity	Project Support	Cost Efficiencies	GMA Compliance	Population Proximity	Total
1	Point Defiance Missing Link	11.67	12.67				12.00	8.67	1.78	8.00	2.11	0.00	3.00	59.89
2	Cross Kirkland Corridor	11.33			8.67		12.33	6.00	1.89	7.78	2.89	0.00	3.00	53.89
3	East Lake Sammamish Trail- North Sammamish Development	10.00	11.00				12.00	6.00	2.44	6.89	2.11	0.00	3.00	53.44
4	Susie Stephens Trail Phase 2	11.33	9.67				11.00	6.89	2.67	7.33	3.67	0.00	0.00	52.56
4	Redmond Central Connector Phase 2	10.00	12.33				10.67	5.56	1.78	6.89	2.33	0.00	3.00	52.56
6	Spokane River Centennial Trail- Northwest Extension	10.00	11.00				10.00	6.89	2.44	7.11	3.11	0.00	1.50	52.06
7	Ferry County Rail Trail Phase 2	10.33	9.67				9.33	8.44	2.11	8.89	4.11	-1.00	0.00	51.89
8	Spruce Railroad Trail and Tunnel Restoration Phase 2	11.00	8.00				10.00	9.56	2.67	6.89	2.22	0.00	0.00	50.33
9	Heron Bluff Trail 2012	9.67	9.33				10.67	7.33	1.33	7.11	3.00	-1.00	1.50	48.94
10	Rocky Reach Trailway Phase 2	9.33	9.67				9.33	7.78	2.56	6.22	2.22	0.00	1.50	48.61
11	Riverfront Trail Enhancement	8.00	9.00				10.67	6.22	3.11	7.33	3.22	0.00	0.00	47.56
12	Foothills Trail - Buckley to South Prairie Phase 2A	10.00	10.00				10.67	3.78	2.67	7.78	1.89	-1.00	1.50	47.28
13	Deschutes Valley Trail	9.67	11.00				8.67	4.00	1.89	6.44	2.44	0.00	3.00	47.11
14	Edmonds Sunset Avenue Overlook Trail	8.00	10.00				8.67	7.33	1.56	6.22	1.89	0.00	3.00	46.67
15	Olympic Discovery Trail-Salmon Creek	9.33	8.67				9.67	8.22	2.33	6.22	2.11	0.00	0.00	46.56
16	Barnes Creek Trail Acquisition	9.67			6.67		9.33	5.11	2.56	6.44	1.89	0.00	3.00	44.67
17	Mason County Coulter Creek Trail Development	9.33	7.33				8.33	7.11	2.11	7.11	2.67	0.00	0.00	44.00

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Question		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Rank	Project Name	Need	Project Design <i>Development</i>	Project Design <i>Combination</i>	Immediacy of Threat <i>Acquisition</i>	Immediacy of Threat <i>Combination</i>	Trail and Community Linkages	Water Access, Views, and Scenic Values	Wildlife Habitat Connectivity	Project Support	Cost Efficiencies	GMA Compliance	Population Proximity	Total
18	Japanese Gulch Trail Acquisition	8.67			7.33		6.67	5.11	3.67	6.44	2.11	0.00	3.00	43.00
19	Highway 20 Trail Paving	8.00	9.67				9.33	3.11	1.44	5.56	2.56	0.00	1.50	41.17
20	Rick Tollefson Memorial Trail	8.67		3.67		2.33	7.33	3.78	1.78	5.11	2.11	0.00	0.00	34.78

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-10, RCO Staff Scored Questions 11-12.

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Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

Grant Request: \$2,500,000

Developing the Missing Link in a Point Defiance Trail

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to develop the final half-mile of a 7-mile waterfront trail from downtown Tacoma to the nationally renowned Point Defiance Park. This missing link is the culmination of a decades-old dream to complete the trail. Located on Puget Sound, this segment of trail provides exceptional views of the Olympic and Cascade Mountains, Vashon Island, and Mount Rainier, and also serves as the keystone by linking the highly popular Ruston Way promenade, the Point Ruston Development, the town of Ruston, the city of Tacoma, Point Defiance Park, and the future 11-acre waterfront park on the peninsula. The trail will be 20 feet wide, including a bridge over Pearl Street. The park district will contribute \$2.5 million in cash and a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. For details, click [12-1549](#).

Kirkland

Grant Request: \$500,000

Buying Land for the Cross Kirkland Corridor Trail

The City of Kirkland will use this grant to buy 13 acres of a former railroad corridor to develop a recreational trail, called the Cross Kirkland Corridor. The 5.75-mile corridor bisects the city north and south from 108th Avenue Northeast to Slater Avenue Northeast, runs through eight of Kirkland's 13 neighborhoods, and is adjacent to many of the city's parks and schools. The trail will be for non-motorized, recreational use, such as biking, running, walking, and rollerblading. Purchasing the land will allow the City to develop its first recreational trail and expand the regional trail system. Kirkland residents consistently have identified the need for more trails as a top priority. The City will contribute \$500,000. For details, click [12-1392](#).

King County

Grant Request: \$500,000

Developing the Missing Link of a Lake Sammamish Trail

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to develop 2.6 miles of trail, running from 187th Avenue Northeast to Inglewood Hill Road along an abandoned railroad corridor. This north Sammamish segment will be 12 feet wide, paved, and with gravel shoulders. The City will add retaining walls, improve the drainage, and install landscaping, fencing, signs, and traffic controls. This is the third phase of a plan to build an 11-mile trail corridor, which runs along the east side of Lake Sammamish, connecting the cities of Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah. This trail is a missing link in a 44-mile, non-motorized trail system extending from Seattle to the Cascade Foothills. Supporters of this project include the Cities of Sammamish, Issaquah, and Redmond; Cascade Bicycle Club; the Bicycle Alliance of Washington; Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust; and Transportation Choices Coalition. The County will contribute more than \$6.1 million from a federal grant and a voter-approved levy. For details, click [12-1269](#).

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Winthrop **Extending the Susie Stephens Trail**

Grant Request: \$365,000

The Town of Winthrop will use this grant to build more than a half-mile of the Susie Stephens Trail, extending the trail south from Norfolk Road, and provide a pedestrian crossing on Highway 20 near the Virginian Motel. The Town also will design and develop a portion of the downtown Riverwalk, which will extend the trail north of the Spring Creek Bridge. This second phase includes paving parking spaces for people with disabilities at the Town Trailhead and installing landscaping, a water access point, trail furnishings, and interpretive signs at key locations along the corridor. The first phase constructed a half-mile of trail including a bridge over the Methow River that connected the Town Trailhead and Ice Rink with the Methow Valley Sports Trail system. The overall project aims to solve a longstanding need for a convenient and safe walking and biking route that connects key commercial areas and provides a point of access to the broader network of Methow Valley trails. The trail corridor offers views of the confluence of the Methow and Chewuch Rivers, the north Cascade Mountain Range, and both streamside and shrub-steppe habitat. The Town will contribute \$365,000 from state and private grants, labor, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. For details, click [12-1122](#).

Redmond **Beginning the Redmond Central Connector Trail**

Grant Request: \$500,000

The City of Redmond will use this grant to develop the first mile of the Redmond Central Connector. The trail will connect with other regional trails in King County, as well as downtown, a neighborhood, two major employment centers, and a college. The trail will run along the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad corridor and will extend from east of the Sammamish River Trail to the intersection of Willows Road and the 9900 Block. The City will build a 12-foot-wide, hard surface, regional trail; improve a bridge and viewpoint; improve access to the waterfront; develop a landing for gathering and educational opportunities; and enhance nearly an acre of habitat. There is strong public support for this project, which will provide alternative north-south routes to the Sammamish River Trail and relieve pressure on that trail. This project is supported by King County, Cascade Bicycle Club, and Feet First. The City will contribute more than \$1 million in cash and donations of labor. For details, click [12-1429](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Extending the Spokane River Centennial Trail**

Grant Request: \$664,900

State Parks will use this grant to build a nearly 2-mile, 10-foot-wide, paved trail extending from Spokane's popular 37-mile Spokane River Centennial Trail and linking Avista Utilities' Nine Mile Resort on Lake Spokane with Spokane County's Sontag Park. In addition to expanding the regional trail system and linking recreational areas, the new segment will address the need for a trail for non-motorized uses in the Nine Mile community and neighborhood areas. Both Avista Utilities Corporation and Friends of the Centennial Trail are contributing money for this project. Beyond the trail development, State Parks also is planning a campground development project

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adjacent to the Avista Nine Mile Resort and the proposed trail extension, providing another recreational amenity in the area and another key link to the Centennial Trail. State Parks will contribute \$120,000 in donations of cash. For details, click [12-1240](#).

Ferry County

Grant Request: \$35,000

Developing the Ferry County Rail Trail

Ferry County will use this grant to develop 2.85 miles of a former railroad grade into a trail for non-motorized uses on the west side of Curlew Lake, 7 miles northeast of Republic. The trail will be used primarily by bikers, cross-country skiers, and walkers. The County also will upgrade the information kiosk and install an interpretive sign at Black Beach trailhead and place bollards at private road crossings. The trail offers a safe way to travel away from cars and trucks, with views and access to Curlew Lake, and links the Golden Tiger Pathway and the City of Republic with Curlew Lake. This project has tremendous community support including Ferry County Rail Trail Partners and a local non-profit trail group, which will provide some of the matching funds. The County will contribute \$35,000 in donations of cash and labor. For details, click [12-1564](#).

Clallam County

Grant Request: \$1,499,000

Restoring the Spruce Railroad Trail and Tunnel

The Clallam County Road Department will use this grant to complete the restoration and reconstruction of 6 miles of a historic railroad grade and two historic tunnels at Lake Crescent. The U.S. Army built 36 miles of rail line west of Port Angeles in a record six months in 1918, including two railroad tunnels, for delivery of spruce for World War I aircraft. This project builds on County and Olympic National Park efforts to restore 6.4 miles of Spruce Railroad Grade as a trail extending from Lake Crescent west to the top of Fairholm Hill. The final work will provide a safe, traffic-separated, multi-user trail route as a critical segment of the Olympic Discovery Trail, the only land-based trail in Washington named in the federal America's Great Outdoors Initiative. The County will contribute \$1.5 million in cash and donations of labor. For details, click [12-1117](#).

Moses Lake

Grant Request: \$197,013

Building Heron Bluff Trail

The City of Moses Lake will use this grant to develop the Heron Bluff Trail, a more than half-mile extension of the Neppel Trail in Blue Heron Park. The Heron Bluff Trail will run along the shoreline of Moses Lake through Blue Heron Park to the Bluff West subdivision. The City will build a 10-foot-wide, hard surface trail that is accessible to people with disabilities and will accommodate users such as bicyclists and walkers. The City also will add lighting, signs, benches, split rail fence, garbage cans, and bike racks. The Heron Bluff Trail is one of the few remaining opportunities for a lakefront trail, and provides a vital link to the Mae Valley area from downtown. The city's Trails Planning Team has been doing extensive fundraising to assist with the matching funds and gathering community support. To date, the City has secured \$29,000

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and 14 letters of support from advocates, businesses, services clubs, and healthcare facilities. The City will contribute \$197,013 in cash and donations of cash. For details, click [12-1022](#).

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Request: \$297,780** **Connecting the Rocky Reach Trailway**

State Parks will use this grant to build a half-mile of trail to connect with the Apple Capital Loop Trail. The trail will be 10 feet wide and end at a scenic overlook and interpretive station. State Parks also will add fencing, signs, interpretive panels, and grassland seeding. A long legal battle, culminating with a favorable decision by the State Supreme Court has created a five-year window to begin construction. Failure to implement this project could jeopardize nearly 20 years of planning, design, and permitting. For details, click [12-1231](#).

Castle Rock **Grant Request: \$334,750** **Enhancing a Riverfront Trail**

The City of Castle Rock will use this grant to add more than a half-mile of trail and amenities to the renowned Castle Rock Riverfront Trail System. The addition of scenic views, signs, picnic shelters, and benches will encourage pedestrians to take time to enjoy the emerald green Cowlitz River and panoramic vistas. The City will build restrooms at both a northern and central location along the trail. One of those restrooms will be a prefabricated vault restroom added at the Bike Park along with paved parking and an access driveway to accommodate the ever-expanding need at this central location. A local club has constructed a bicycle park using volunteer labor and recycled and donated materials. This unique park promises to be a regional attraction because bike enthusiasts already are traveling great distances to check it out and ride the Riverfront Trail. The City will contribute \$334,750 in equipment, labor, materials, a state grant, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For details, click [12-1365](#).

Pierce County **Grant Request: \$775,195** **Extending the Foothills Trail from Buckley to South Prairie**

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to build more than a half-mile of paved trail and connect it to a trail in Buckley. This project is the second phase of four needed to complete 3.5 miles of the Foothills Trail between Buckley and the town of South Prairie. The 12-foot-wide paved trail with a 5-foot-wide equestrian path will accommodate walking, hiking, biking, and equestrian uses. It is along an abandoned railroad right-of-way that winds through scenic countryside and farmland, offering views of Mount Rainier and the scenic Cascade Mountain foothills. The entire Foothills Trail is more than 28 miles long and links the cities of Puyallup and Buckley with future plans to link with King County's Interurban Trail in Enumclaw. The Foothills Trail is supported by the Foothills Rails-to-Trails Coalition, a non-profit organization with 1,000 members, who provide bike safety patrol, volunteer maintenance crews, and fundraising efforts. Seventeen miles of the Foothills Trail already have been completed. The County will contribute \$775,195. For details, click [12-1449](#).

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Tumwater

Grant Request: \$500,000

Building the Deschutes Valley Trail

The City of Tumwater Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop a 1.53-mile, trail for non-motorized uses in the heart of the Deschutes River valley. The trail will be built in the Tumwater Valley Golf Course, which is owned and operated by the City. The trail will run from a parking lot to T Street Southeast, the location of a future neighborhood park. This trail is the first phase of the planned Deschutes Valley Trail system. Once built, this trail will serve as Tumwater's primary connection to the Thurston County regional trails network, linking Tumwater residents with multiple recreational, historical, and geographical destinations. The trail generally will be a 10-foot-wide, paved path with 2-foot-wide crushed rock shoulders on each side. It will include a 7-foot-wide paved golf cart path in some areas. A tall fence will be built to separate the trail and golf course and to protect trail users from errant golf balls. The City also will add a trail bridge, interpretive signs, and native plantings. This project has strong support from community members and local groups such as the Capital Bicycling Club, Wanderers Hiking Club, Capitol Volkssport Club, Olympia Safe Streets Campaign, and the Woodland Trail Greenway Association. These groups have pledged to contribute a combined \$3,100 in cash, \$3,750 in materials, and \$5,063 in labor. The City will contribute more than \$1.7 million in cash, a federal grant, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. For details, click [12-1347](#).

Edmonds

Grant Request: \$415,110

Developing the Edmonds Sunset Avenue Overlook Trail

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to develop a pedestrian and bicycle trail from Bell Street to Caspers Street in downtown. The nearly half-mile trail will have expansive views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains, and will connect the downtown business district, surrounding neighborhoods, water access points, parks, and trail systems. The City will build the trail by reducing the width of Sunset Avenue and creating a planted barrier between the traffic and the trail. The City also will install benches, garbage cans, utility infrastructure, and signs. The goal of the project is to provide safe and inviting access to the waterfront, while connecting existing features, including the Edmonds ferry terminal, train and bus stations, the pedestrian and bicycle loop trail, and local businesses and restaurants. The City will contribute \$415,110 from a local grant. For details, click [12-1052](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Request: \$799,785

Building the Salmon Creek Segment of the Olympic Discovery Trail

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to build more than a half-mile of the Olympic Discovery Trail on the west side of Discovery Bay near Port Townsend in Jefferson County. The trail will end at the access point to the North Olympic Wildlife Area, at the southwest corner of Discovery Bay near the Salmon Creek confluence. The trail segment is an essential section of the Olympic Discovery Trail, which is a 130-mile, multi user, non-motorized trail extending from Port Townsend to the Pacific Ocean at La Push. A total of 53 miles of the

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trail have been completed and right-of-way has been secured for an additional 12 miles. The Olympic Discovery Trail has been designated as a focal project of the Department of Interior's "America's Great Outdoors Initiative." For details, click [12-1501](#).

Des Moines

Grant Request: \$750,000

Buying Land for the Barnes Creek Trail

The City of Des Moines will use this grant to buy 25 acres of historic State Route 509 right-of-way along Barnes Creek to build the Barnes Creek Trail. The trail will provide access to the wooded wetlands surrounding Barnes Creek. It also will connect to the Des Moines Creek Trail, which is part of south King County's Lake to Sound Trail system. The trail will provide pedestrian links to major public facilities such as Highline Community College, Mount Rainier High School, Pacific Middle School, Midway Elementary School, Mount Rainier Pool, Des Moines Activity Center, Steven J. Underwood Memorial Sports Park, Port of Seattle business center, and light rail stops. The trail corridor also links three park systems, including Des Moines Creek Park, Des Moines Beach Park National Historic District and Tidelands, and Des Moines Marina, providing 101 acres of contiguous park and open land with more than 4 miles of scenic trails and a half-mile of waterfront access. The City will contribute \$770,000 in conservation futures¹ and a voter-approved levy. For details, click [12-1603](#).

Mason County

Grant Request: \$395,000

Developing a Segment of the Mason County Coulter Creek Trail

Mason County will use this grant to develop a segment of trail connecting the Coulter Creek Trail with Coulter Creek Nature Park at the tip of Case Inlet. The Coulter Creek Trail is a walking and biking trail that runs 1.6 miles from the town of Allyn, beginning at the Port of Allyn Park to the north end of Case Inlet. The trail segment will use county road right-of-way along North Bay County Road and a very small portion of right-of-way along State Route 3. This project is the beginning of a future North Mason regional trail system. Development of this trail project will be a step toward addressing a severe deficiency of walking and biking trails in Mason County. Project partners include Allyn Business Association, Port of Allyn, Taylor Shellfish, Squaxin Tribe, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Transportation, and Overton Associates. The County will contribute \$416,000 in cash, labor, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. For details, click [12-1402](#).

Mukilteo

Grant Request: \$1,900,000

Buying Land for the Japanese Gulch Trail

The City of Mukilteo will use this grant to buy nearly 34 acres in Japanese Gulch to extend the existing 3 miles of trails into a 6-mile, looped trail system. The Japanese Gulch trail system, built and maintained by volunteers, has been identified as a regional, multi-purpose trail network

¹ 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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linking Mukilteo, Everett, and Snohomish County. The City is partnering with the Japanese Gulch Group to formalize the trails in the gulch to meet city trail standards and to complete key, missing links of this regional trail. The trails can be used by walkers and bicyclists. Users experience a diverse array of outdoor settings as they traverse through an urban forest, cross wetland boardwalks, and rest near Japanese Gulch Creek to view the diverse habitat and enjoy views of Puget Sound. The City will contribute \$1.9 million in cash and a local grant. For details, click [12-1061](#).

Skagit County

Grant Request: \$45,025

Paving the Highway 20 Trail

Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to pave the last portion of the very popular Highway 20 Trail. The corridor is a rails-to-trails project that travels east and west through pastoral and scenic Skagit County. The Highway 20 trail is the first section of the 26-mile Cascade Trail. This project will increase the quantity and types of trail usage along the western, and most heavily used portion, near Burlington. The County will contribute \$45,025 in cash and donations of cash. For details, click [12-1129](#).

Jefferson County

Grant Request: \$450,000

Developing the Rick Tollefson Memorial Trail

Jefferson County Public Works will use this grant to buy and develop a one-third mile long, shared-use path called the Rick Tollefson Memorial Trail. The land is in the Port Hadlock-Irondale-Chimacum area, just east of State Route 19. The trail will be the first accessible, share-use path in this community. It will improve safety for Chimacum School students and others who normally travel on busy state highways or county roads, link two popular recreation facilities, and educate trail users through interpretive displays about the habitat restoration activities underway in salmon-bearing Chimacum Creek and the farms in Chimacum Valley. The 10-foot-wide trail will include a 65-foot-long bridge over Chimacum Creek and will be used primarily for biking, walking, running, viewing nature, and learning about the ecosystems of the creek and farms. This trail is the critical first phase of a larger trail network for non-motorized uses that connects schools, parks, and community and business centers in the Chimacum and Port Hadlock area. The County will contribute \$491,800 in cash and state and federal grants. For details, click [12-1380](#).



**Urban Wildlife Habitat Projects
Washington Wildlife and
Recreation Program
Grants Awarded (2013-2015)**

Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	12-1179A	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area-Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,428,525		\$1,428,525	\$1,428,525
2	12-1255A	North Kitsap Heritage Park Phase 2	Kitsap County	\$392,000	\$1,267,500	\$1,659,500	\$392,000
3	12-1504A	Flume Creek Habitat Area	Clark County	\$1,105,925	\$1,105,925	\$2,211,850	\$1,105,925
4	12-1185A	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,143,785		\$2,143,785	\$770,550
5	12-1178A	Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Areas	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,610,510		\$2,610,510	Alternate
6	12-1184A	West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,112,895		\$1,112,895	Alternate
6	12-1124A	Mica Peak	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,852,000		\$1,852,000	Alternate
8	12-1510A	Stemilt Basin Phase 2	Chelan County	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000
9	12-1042A	Wenatchee Foothills North Acquisition Phase 1	Wenatchee	\$1,050,000	\$1,226,000	\$2,276,000	Alternate
10	12-1426R	Smith Island Everett Estuarine Restoration	Snohomish County	\$3,043,884	\$3,044,126	\$6,088,010	Alternate
11	12-1435A	West Gazzam Lake Phase 6	Bainbridge Island Park District	\$364,000	\$364,000	\$728,000	Alternate
11	12-1198A	Cramer and McCracken Acquisition	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$185,000	\$186,000	\$371,000	Alternate
13	12-1600D	Northwest Stream Center Interpretive Trail	Snohomish County	\$109,750	\$430,000	\$539,750	Alternate
14	12-1550A	South Tacoma Wetlands Conservation Area Expansion	Tacoma	\$500,000	\$1,660,000	\$2,160,000	Alternate
				\$17,148,274	\$10,533,551	\$27,681,825	\$4,947,000

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Preliminary Ranking (2013-2015)

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	60.11	12-1179A	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area-Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,428,525		\$1,428,525
2	60.00	12-1255A	North Kitsap Heritage Park Phase 2	Kitsap County	\$392,000	\$1,267,500	\$1,659,500
3	59.67	12-1504A	Flume Creek Habitat Area	Clark County	\$1,105,925	\$1,105,925	\$2,211,850
4	59.56	12-1185A	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,143,785		\$2,143,785
5	56.78	12-1178A	Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Areas	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$2,610,510		\$2,610,510
6	56.11	12-1184A	West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area	Washington Department of Natural Resources	\$1,112,895		\$1,112,895
6	56.11	12-1124A	Mica Peak	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,852,000		\$1,852,000
8	54.67	12-1510A	Stemilt Basin Phase 2	Chelan County	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000
9	54.22	12-1042A	Wenatchee Foothills North Acquisition Phase 1	Wenatchee	\$1,050,000	\$1,226,000	\$2,276,000
10	49.11	12-1426R	Smith Island Everett Estuarine Restoration	Snohomish County	\$3,043,884	\$3,044,126	\$6,088,010
11	45.11	12-1435A	West Gazzam Lake Phase 6	Bainbridge Island Park District	\$364,000	\$364,000	\$728,000
11	45.11	12-1198A	Cramer and McCracken Acquisition	Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	\$185,000	\$186,000	\$371,000
13	42.78	12-1600D	Northwest Stream Center Interpretive Trail	Snohomish County	\$109,750	\$430,000	\$539,750
14	41.11	12-1550A	South Tacoma Wetlands Conservation Area Expansion	Tacoma	\$500,000	\$1,660,000	\$2,160,000
					\$17,148,274	\$10,533,551	\$27,681,825

Project Number Types: A=Acquisition, D=Development, R=Restoration

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Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Evaluation Summary (2013-2015)

	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Rank	Project Name	Ecological and Biological Characteristics	Species and Communities with Special Status	Manageability and Viability	Public Benefit	Educational Opportunities	Public Use	GMA Compliance	Population	Total
1	Stavis Natural Resource Conservation Area-Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve	15.89	7.67	11.67	7.78	3.56	5.56	0.00	8.00	60.11
2	North Kitsap Heritage Park Phase 2	14.11	7.67	11.56	8.33	4.22	8.11	-1.00	7.00	60.00
3	Flume Creek Habitat Area	14.67	7.56	10.33	8.22	3.44	6.44	0.00	9.00	59.67
4	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area	15.33	7.22	11.78	8.00	4.44	7.78	0.00	5.00	59.56
5	Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Areas	14.67	7.22	10.78	6.89	3.00	7.22	0.00	7.00	56.78
6	West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area	12.33	5.89	11.33	7.22	3.56	7.78	0.00	8.00	56.11
7	Mica Peak	14.89	7.44	11.11	7.33	3.44	6.89	0.00	5.00	56.11
8	Stemilt Basin Phase 2	14.89	7.56	10.22	7.89	4.00	7.11	0.00	3.00	54.67
9	Wenatchee Foothills North Acquisition Phase 1	13.56	6.78	11.44	7.89	4.00	7.56	0.00	3.00	54.22
10	Smith Island Everett Estuarine Restoration	14.22	6.33	10.11	7.00	3.33	7.11	-1.00	2.00	49.11
11	West Gazzam Lake Phase 6	9.00	4.44	8.67	6.67	2.78	5.56	0.00	8.00	45.11
12	Cramer and McCracken Acquisition	10.11	5.67	9.78	6.22	2.56	5.78	0.00	5.00	45.11
13	Northwest Stream Center Interpretive Trail	7.89	4.22	7.78	6.89	4.56	7.44	-1.00	5.00	42.78
14	South Tacoma Wetlands Conservation Area	8.78	4.78	7.11	6.11	2.89	3.44	0.00	8.00	41.11

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-6, RCO Staff Scored Questions 7-8.

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Wildlife Habitat in the Kitsap Forest

Grant Request: \$1,428,525

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 93 acres in the combined Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve, to protect high quality wildlife habitat in one of Puget Sound's most densely populated counties. Located near Bremerton's urban growth area in Kitsap County, the 2,400-acre combined conservation areas include freshwater streams, wetlands, Puget Sound shorelines, and old growth and mature forests. They protect three rare forests including one of the best remaining examples of the Douglas fir-western hemlock-evergreen huckleberry forest. Less than 1 percent of the historic extent of similar forest conditions remains in the Puget Trough today. The combined conservation areas are considered a critical link in the Western Kitsap Peninsula Priority Conservation Area, which is one of the most important areas for conserving wildlife diversity in the Puget Trough area because of its size and number of species. Stavis Creek, which runs through the site, is one of the best remaining salmon spawning habitats in Hood Canal. It is a designated recovery area for Hood Canal summer chum, which are listed as threatened with extinction under the federal Endangered Species Act. High quality, freshwater wetlands at the site form the headwaters of the creek and provide habitat for cavity-nesting ducks. The site also hosts an active bald eagle nest, a small great blue heron rookery, breeding mountain quails, cougars, and black bears. This project greatly enhances the long-term viability and quality of wildlife habitat in the area. For more details, click [12-1179](#).

Kitsap County Expanding North Kitsap Heritage Park

Grant Request: \$392,000

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 470 acres for the North Kitsap Heritage Park. This purchase, when added to a first phase, would conserve 900 acres in Kingston's urban growth boundary. Part of a larger effort known as the Kitsap Forest and Bay Project, this purchase focuses on protecting the headwaters of two salmon-bearing streams, Grover's and Carpenter Creeks. The land contains rare wetlands, ponds, and mature lowland forests. It gives people a place for bird watching and wildlife viewing, and access to a regional trail network for horseback riding, hiking, and biking. The willing seller of the property also is donating 104 acres, which provides a critical buffer and habitat corridor between two major housing developments. This acquisition has tremendous community support including: City of Poulsbo, Suquamish Tribe, Stillwaters Environmental Center, Audubon, the current owner (Olympic Property Group), and stewardship and recreational community groups as well as residents. The County will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash, a federal grant, another grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office, and donations of land. For more details, click [12-1255](#).

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Clark County Conserving Flume Creek Habitat

Grant Request: \$1,105,925

Clark County will use this grant to buy 160 acres of shoreline, wetlands, and mature forest in northwest Clark County on the southern edge of Ridgefield and 3.75 miles north of Vancouver's urban growth boundary. The project borders the 5,218-acre Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and 35 acres of wetlands near Lake River that are protected in perpetuity by a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement. This project has four primary objectives: 1) protect 105 acres of the last remaining, intact, mature upland forest on Clark County's south- and west-facing slopes above the Columbia River; 2) protect 30 acres of floodplain, shoreline, and wetlands on Flume Creek and a second, year-round stream; 3) protect and restore 25 acres of North Pacific Oak Woodland; and 4) provide protection for more than 30 priority habitats and special-status species. The project also will provide places for hiking, wildlife viewing, and outdoor education. The Flume Creek property includes a variety of habitats (mature forest, remnant old growth forest, high densities of snags and downed logs) that are almost nonexistent in the wildlife refuge. The co-location of these sites creates one of the most important areas for diversity of plants and animals in southwest Washington. The County will contribute more than \$1.1 million in conservation futures¹ and a federal grant. For more details, click [12-1504](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area

Grant Request: \$2,143,785

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 47 acres to expand the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, conserving wildlife habitat in a rapidly developing residential area. The department will buy shoreline along Henderson Inlet, Woodard Creek, and tributary streams. Buying the land will ensure that the land 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. For more details, click [12-1185](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving the Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Mount Si Conservation Areas

Grant Request: \$2,610,510

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy nearly 639 acres of privately owned land in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Areas, in east King County. The department will focus on buying parcels in the Mountains to Sound Greenway that are threatened by housing developments and provide crucial wildlife habitat. The greenway is a 100-mile corridor of forests, wildlife habitat, and open land along Interstate 90. Distinctive physical features of these sites include talus, lakes, streams, wetlands, old growth and mature forests, cliffs, and land connections for wildlife. Animals using the land include a variety of birds, mammals, amphibians, and fish. Large mammals known to use the conservation areas

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include cougars, bobcats, mountain goats, black bears, coyotes, and elk. Red-tailed hawks, osprey, barred owls, pygmy owls, and pileated woodpeckers also live there. For more details, click [12-1178](#).

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Request: \$1,112,895** **Buying Land for the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy nearly 58 acres of privately owned land for inclusion in the West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area. The department will manage the land to protect significant wildlife habitat, provide opportunities for low-impact public use and outdoor environmental education, and provide vital open land, scenic vistas, and wildlife habitat connections. The conservation area is in King County and is among the most popular destinations in the Mountains to Sound Greenway. For more details, click [12-1184](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Request: \$1,852,000** **Buying Land on Mica Peak**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy the west slope of Mica Peak, one of the most prominent landmarks in Spokane. From atop this 920-acre property, one can enjoy views of the rolling Palouse to the south and the Selkirk Mountains to the north. Located less than 5 miles southeast of Spokane, this land is at immediate risk for subdivision and development. The loss of this parcel to development, in essence, would split in two what is about 12,000 acres of contiguous, undeveloped forestland owned by the State, County, and a timber company. The land is a diverse mix of conifer woodland with open meadows, aspen stringers, and brushy slopes, and contains the headwaters of California and Saltese Creeks. The land supports a rich assortment of smaller wildlife (white tailed deer, coyotes, martens, stellar jays, great horned owls, western toads, etc.) that live in coniferous forest. Additionally found on this land, but dependent on the greater area that this property connects together, are Washington's larger wildlife species (moose, elk, cougar, black bear, etc.). Acquisition of this land will allow recreationists to travel the entire the area without trespassing on private land. For more details, click [12-1124](#).

Chelan County **Grant Request: \$1,250,000** **Conserving the Stemilt Basin**

Chelan County will use this grant to protect 4,010 acres of forest and other diverse habitats on the east slope of the Cascade Mountains. This project is part of a larger planning effort by the Stemilt Partnership in the Stemilt and Squilchuck watersheds. Critical habitat exists here for ponderosa pine dependent species, such as flammulated owls. Other habitats and species present include: mixed Douglas fir and ponderosa pine with white-headed woodpecker and spotted owl; mixed Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir forests with northern goshawk and pileated woodpecker; basalt cliffs; dense riparian forests with Neotropical migrants such as MacGillavary's warbler; and Stemilt Creek with steelhead, which are listed under the federal

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Endangered Species Act, spring Chinook, and resident rainbow and westslope cutthroat trout. The Stemilt basin is popular for hiking, bird watching, fishing, hunting, camping, and snowmobiling. Support for this project comes from the Stemilt Partnership, which is comprised of more than 20 groups. A keystone of the group's action plan is to preserve critical habitats and wildlife from the growing threat of development. The County will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash, labor, and another grant. For more details, click [12-1510](#).

Wenatchee

Grant Request: \$1,050,000

Buying Land in the Wenatchee Foothills

The City of Wenatchee will use this grant to buy 283 acres northwest of Wenatchee for wildlife habitat. This is the first phase in the implementation of the Wenatchee Foothills Community Strategy, which is a partnership between the City, Chelan County, the Trust for Public Land, and the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust. The land provides shrub-steppe habitat and mixed conifer forestlands that support a diverse community of wildlife including mule deer, migratory songbirds, and raptors. The land is between other wildlife areas and will create a 3,000-acre corridor of protected land. The City will contribute more than \$1.2 million in labor and donations of labor and land. For more details, click [12-1042](#).

Snohomish County

Grant Request: \$3,043,884

Restoring Smith Island Estuary

Snohomish County will use this grant to restore 250 acres of tidal marsh in the Smith Island estuary to support federal- and state-listed shorebirds and salmon. The County will build nearly a mile of setback levee and remove about a half-mile of existing levee. Adult Chinook salmon entering the estuary from Puget Sound swim about 21 miles past Everett, Lake Stevens, and Marysville up to where the Snohomish River splits into the Skykomish and Snoqualmie Rivers near Monroe. Beginning in the 1860s, habitat conditions in the Snohomish River estuary were altered substantially as settlers harvested timber, drained thousands of acres of marsh, ditched tributaries, and constructed more than 44 miles of levees. Of the 16 river deltas in Puget Sound, about 90 percent of estuarine emergent marsh, scrub shrub, and tidal forested wetlands were lost in Puget Sound. The Smith Island project is part of a larger restoration effort that will return the tides to more than 1,200 acres of river deltas, the third largest estuary restoration effort in the state. The County will contribute more than \$3 million in cash and three other grants from the Recreation and Conservation Office. For more details, click [12-1426](#).

Bainbridge Island Park District

Grant Request: \$364,000

Conserving Land around Gazzam Lake

The Bainbridge Island Park District will use this grant to buy 34 acres to protect wildlife habitat near Gazzam Lake, increasing public ownership there to 478 acres. This purchase will increase protection for 27 wetlands and an adjoining saltwater parcel. The acquisition also provides additional buffer to Gazzam Lake on the north. The land is highly desirable for view homes and would require an access road to bisect park-managed land threatening habitat integrity. The

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land contains mature forests dominated by Douglas fir, western red cedar, western hemlock, red alder, and big-leaf maple. The understory is thick and diverse with salal and huckleberry. Animals, such as purple martins, bald eagles, and pileated woodpeckers live on the land. Numerous other songbirds, as well as Neotropical migrant birds, will benefit from this acquisition. Support comes from the Suquamish Tribe, The Bainbridge Island Land Trust, Trout Unlimited, the Kitsap County Audubon Society, and Keep Gazzam Wild. The park district will contribute \$364,000 in donations of cash and a voter-approved levy. For more details, click [12-1435](#).

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Buying Land along Minter Creek

Grant Request: \$185,000

Key Pen Parks will use this grant to buy 40 acres of forest and more than 13 acres of pristine land along Minter Creek. The land is at 118th Street, very near the Pierce-Kitsap County boundary, and adjoins the 360 Property, which the park district manages. Buying the land will preserve the pristine land surrounding Minter Creek, maintain high water quality, enhance connections between forest and wetland, protect habitat and a migration corridor, and allow for low-impact recreation. Minter Creek is regionally significant in size and complexity and recommended for protection. KGI Watershed Council, Tahoma Audubon, KP Civic Center, and other local groups support this project. The park district will contribute \$186,000 in cash and conservation futures². For more details, click [12-1198](#).

Snohomish County Building the Northwest Stream Center Interpretive Trail

Grant Request: \$109,750

In partnership with the Adopt A Stream Foundation, the Snohomish County Department of Parks and Recreation will use this grant to build a raised boardwalk interpretive trail, more than a quarter-mile long through 20 acres of wildlife habitat at the Northwest Stream Center in McCollum Park, a 74-acre regional park south of Everett. The planned boardwalk will lead up to 45,000 visitors a year through forests and wetlands next to a salmon stream. Interpretive signs will guide people through the area and offer strategies for sound watershed stewardship. Visitors will experience the interconnections between forests, wetlands, streams, wildlife, and people. The Adopt A Stream Foundation recently built a visitors center with conference and exhibit space and is building an outdoor Trout Stream Exhibit with viewing windows into stream habitat. The foundation is providing \$400,000 matching funds and volunteers to help with boardwalk construction. The County will contribute \$430,000 in donations of cash and labor. For more details, click [12-1600](#).

² 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.

Tacoma

Grant Request: \$500,000

Expanding the South Tacoma Wetlands Conservation Area

The City of Tacoma will use this grant to buy 22 acres in the southwest corner of the 40-acre South Tacoma Wetlands Conservation Area. The conservation area provides habitat for pileated woodpecker, brown bat, and other species, which is rare in cities. This acquisition will provide an important link between city land abutting to the east and to the northwest. This acquisition will conserve the integrity and diversity of one of the largest and most robust wetland habitats in Tacoma. Development threatens the land, and in response, Tacoma has acquired 16 acres since 2009 for a total of 23 acres in conservation status. In the future, it will provide passive trails, wildlife viewing, and educational opportunities currently unavailable in this economically and ethnically diverse area, and pedestrian connections to other recreation areas. The City will contribute more than \$1.6 million from a local grant. For more details, click [12-1550](#).



Water Access Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Grants Awarded (2013-2015)

Rank	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	12-1507A	Eddon Boat Waterfront Park Expansion	Gig Harbor	\$302,328	\$359,927	\$662,255	\$302,328
2	12-1611C	Developing Yakima Rivershore and Trail-Water Access	West Richland	\$800,000	\$961,689	\$1,761,689	\$800,000
3	12-1144A	Kitsap Forest and Bay Project-Shoreline Access	Kitsap County	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000
4	12-1131A	Big Horn-Yakima Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,625,000		\$1,625,000	\$1,357,922
5	12-1552D	The Peninsula at Point Defiance	Tacoma Metropolitan Park District	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	Alternate
6	12-1586A	Buckhorn Road Beach	San Juan County Land Bank	\$128,000	\$128,000	\$256,000	Alternate
7	12-1551D	Point Defiance Marine Estuary and Boardwalk	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$3,500,000	Alternate
8	12-1149D	Swofford Pond Fishing Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$296,000	\$24,000	\$320,000	Alternate
9	12-1272C	Cedar Grove Road Acquisition and Development	King County	\$169,000	\$169,000	\$338,000	Alternate
10	12-1130C	Dryden Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$785,000		\$785,000	Alternate
				\$9,105,328	\$6,642,616	\$15,747,944	\$3,710,250

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Grant Awarded Resolution 2013-08
Project Number Types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination, D=Development



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Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
 Preliminary Ranking (2013-2015)

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	46.11	12-1507A	Eddon Boat Waterfront Park Expansion	Gig Harbor	\$302,328	\$359,927	\$662,255
2	45.94	12-1611C	Developing Yakima Rivershore and Trail-Water Access	West Richland	\$800,000	\$961,689	\$1,761,689
3	43.94	12-1144A	Kitsap Forest and Bay Project-Shoreline Access	Kitsap County	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$2,500,000
4	42.00	12-1131A	Big Horn-Yakima Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$1,625,000		\$1,625,000
5	41.00	12-1552D	The Peninsula at Point Defiance	Tacoma Metropolitan Park District	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000
6	40.78	12-1586A	Buckhorn Road Beach	San Juan County Land Bank	\$128,000	\$128,000	\$256,000
7	37.56	12-1551D	Point Defiance Marine Estuary and Boardwalk	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$3,500,000
8	36.33	12-1149D	Swofford Pond Fishing Access Development	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$296,000	\$24,000	\$320,000
9	33.89	12-1272C	Cedar Grove Road Acquisition and Development	King County	\$169,000	\$169,000	\$338,000
10	31.44	12-1130C	Dryden Access	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$785,000		\$785,000
					\$9,105,328	\$6,642,616	\$15,747,944

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

Water Access Projects
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Evaluation Summary (2013-2015)

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
Rank	Project Name	Public Need	Project Design Development	Project Design Combination	Immediacy of Threat Acquisition	Immediacy of Threat Combination	Site Suitability	Expansion	Diversity of Recreational Uses Development	Diversity of Recreational Uses Combination	Project Support	Cost Efficiencies	GMA Compliance	Population Proximity	Total
1	Eddon Boat Waterfront Park Expansion	8.67			12.67		7.78	3.56			7.56	2.89	0.00	3.00	46.11
2	Developing Yakima Rivershore and Trail Water Access	12.00		3.56		4.50	8.00	3.44		1.94	8.44	2.56	0.00	1.50	45.94
3	Kitsap Forest and Bay Project Shoreline Access	10.33			12.00		7.78	2.56			8.22	2.56	-1.00	1.50	43.94
4	Big Horn Yakima Access	10.00			9.67		8.89	3.33			7.33	2.78	0.00	0.00	42.00
5	The Peninsula at Point Defiance	7.67	6.89				6.22	3.78	2.67		7.78	3.00	0.00	3.00	41.00
6	Buckhorn Road Beach	10.67			11.33		7.78	3.22			6.44	2.33	-1.00	0.00	40.78
7	Point Defiance Marine Estuary and Boardwalk	6.33	6.44				6.44	3.67	1.89		7.11	2.67	0.00	3.00	37.56
8	Swofford Pond Fishing Access Development	8.67	6.89				6.89	3.22	2.89		5.78	2.00	0.00	0.00	36.33
9	Cedar Grove Road Acquisition and Development	7.67		2.67		3.00	6.22	3.22		1.28	6.22	2.11	0.00	1.50	33.89
10	Dryden Access	8.33		3.11		2.67	6.89	1.89		1.22	5.78	1.56	0.00	0.00	31.44

Evaluators Scored Questions 1-11, RCO Staff Scored Questions 12-13.

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Gig Harbor **Expanding the Eddon Boat Waterfront Park**

Grant Request: \$302,328

The City of Gig Harbor will use this grant to buy about a half-acre of waterfront to expand the historic Eddon Boat Waterfront Park. The project will add to an existing park that includes the historic Eddon boatyard cultural center, kayak launch, dock, open grassy area, beach, and panoramic views of Gig Harbor Bay. Located in the heart of this historic fishing village, the land could be used by anglers, kayakers, and canoeists, and is near restaurants and other recreation amenities. The land is for sale. The City will contribute \$359,927 in cash and a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. For details, click [12-1507](#).

West Richland **Developing Yakima River Access and Trail**

Grant Request: \$800,000

The City of West Richland will use this grant to buy about 2 acres and develop an access point to the Yakima River, near the Van Giesen Bridge on State Route 224. The access point to the river will be for non-motorized recreation and fishing. The City also will landscape the area, create viewing and picnic areas, install education kiosks, build restrooms, and build a waterfront trail that will be the beginning of a regional trail system. The City will contribute \$961,689 from state and local grants, cash, and donations of labor. For details, click [12-1611](#).

Kitsap County **Buying Land to Conserve a Kitsap Forest and Shoreline**

Grant Request: \$1,250,000

Kitsap County will use this grant to buy 600 acres of shoreline and tidelands along the west side of Port Gamble Bay in north Kitsap County. The purchase will protect 1.78 miles of shoreline. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Suquamish Tribe, Forterra, Great Peninsula Conservancy, and a coalition of business and community groups are working with Kitsap County on an effort to conserve 6,690 acres surrounding Port Gamble Bay. Acquisition of the shoreline is an important first step. The overall objective is to protect the land, preserve habitat values, protect cultural resources, and create opportunities for educational and low-impact recreation with access to Port Gamble Bay. The North Kitsap community has relied on the generosity of the landowner for the use of the property for recreation; however, this opportunity will disappear if the land is sold to a private buyer. The County will contribute more than \$1.2 million in cash, an appropriation from the Legislature, and a state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant. For details, click [12-1144](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Buying Land at Big Horn for Access to the Yakima River**

Grant Request: \$1,625,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 689 acres that contain two drift boat launches and 3 miles of the Yakima River. The land, known as Big Horn, is in the department's Wenas Wildlife Area, and is under threat of development. The land lies between

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Ellensburg and Yakima. The drift boat launches are open seasonally in a section of the river where put-in and take-out opportunities are limited. Additionally, the department will buy both sides of the Yakima River, opening 6 miles of shoreline to the public. The Yakima River Canyon is popular for trout fishing, rafting, and inner tubing. The current Yakima Canyon water access sites serve hundreds of thousands of recreationists annually and are crowded. Securing additional places for people to reach the river will better distribute recreationists in a highly popular reach of the river. For details, click [12-1131](#).

Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Developing the Peninsula at Point Defiance

Grant Request: \$2,000,000

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to develop 11 acres along Puget Sound in Point Defiance Park. The peninsula at Point Defiance is one of those rare opportunities to unlock and develop open, passive park space at Point Defiance Park never before available to the public. The Point Defiance peninsula includes just under a half-mile of shoreline and spectacular views of Mount Rainier, the Cascade and Olympic Mountains, and Vashon Island. Being adjacent to a proposed trail that will connect the popular Ruston Way waterfront promenade with Point Defiance Park, this park space will be both a popular destination and stopping point for the more than 2 million visitors to the waterfront. The peninsula also will offer a fishing pier at one of the most popular deep water fishing areas in Puget Sound. Other amenities include restrooms, paved walking trails, and parking. The park district will contribute \$2 million in cash and a federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grant. For details, click [12-1552](#).

San Juan County Land Bank Creating the Buckhorn Preserve

Grant Request: \$128,000

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to buy about a half-acre at the end of a county road to create the Buckhorn Preserve and expand access to an Orcas Island beach. The Buckhorn community on the north shore of Orcas Island has only a narrow, 40-foot county easement at the end of Buckhorn Road to provide legal, public use of the beach. The land bank would add a small amount of low bank waterfront, including 212 feet of pebble beach and tidelands, to the existing easement at the end of Buckhorn Road. The property offers spectacular panoramic views across Georgia Strait to Sucia, Matia, Clark, Barnes, and Lummi Islands, and to the Cascade Mountains and Mount Baker beyond. It is a great place to watch seals, otters, bald eagles, herons, and seabirds, and offers a superb launch point for kayaking to the outer islands. Historically, this area was a hub of island activity. In 1933, the Buckhorn property held the Buckhorn Lodge, one of Orcas' premier resorts. In its heyday, it included 350 acres and featured accommodations for 100 guests, a dining hall, commissary, boathouse, and riding horses with trails to Mount Constitution. A Buckhorn Preserve would provide public access, in perpetuity, to one of the most remarkable beaches on Orcas. The land bank will contribute \$128,000 from a voter-approved levy. For details, click [12-1586](#).

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Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma **Grant Request: \$1,750,000** **Building the Point Defiance Marine Estuary and Boardwalk**

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to remove a bulkhead and road and create 2.5 acres of both saltwater and freshwater estuaries that combine storm water treatment and public access. The district will design the shoreline and estuaries for endangered species such as salmon and sand lance. The habitat also will be a learning laboratory for Tacoma School District's Science and Math Institute, which will be involved in its design, development, maintenance, and monitoring. The park district will install interpretive signs and build a quarter-mile boardwalk that traverses through the area. The park district will contribute \$1.75 million in cash and a state Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant. For details, click [12-1551](#).

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Grant Request: \$296,000** **Developing Access to Swofford Pond**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop an accessible fishing area at Swofford Pond, a popular, year-round fishing and wildlife viewing area in Lewis County. Swofford Pond is a 270-acre pond southeast of Mossyrock. It has a reputation as a great bird watching location and is one of the best warm water and trout fisheries in the county. The pond is home to rainbow and brown trout, largemouth bass, perch, bluegill, crappie, brown bullheads, channel catfish, and sturgeon. Currently, access is limited to a gravel and dirt bank and a primitive ramp that parallels the county road. The bank access is not accessible to people with disabilities and can be steep and rough in places. The department will build a fishing platform that is accessible for people with disabilities and a new parking area and pathways that will connect the two. The department will contribute \$24,000. For details, click [12-1149](#).

King County **Grant Request: \$169,000** **Buying and Developing Parking for Cedar Grove Road Natural Area**

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to buy 2.28 acres next to the county's Cedar Grove Road Natural Area, near Maple Valley, and build a 30-40 stall parking lot for people recreating on the Cedar River. The County also will install informational signs and an entry gate and build a small trail to connect the parking lot with the intersection of Cedar Grove Road Southeast and State Route 169/Renton-Maple Valley Road, allowing users to get safely to the put-in and take-out point in Cedar Grove Road Natural Area. An estimated 800 floaters put in at Cedar Grove Road Natural Area and 120 floaters took out there in 2010. Currently, people must park along busy roads, which is dangerous and obstructs traffic, and cross Cedar Grove Road at an intersection without a traffic light. The County will contribute \$169,000 in cash and conservation futures¹. For details, click [12-1272](#).

¹ 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 Providing Boating Access at Dryden Dam

Grant Request: \$785,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy and develop nearly 6 acres of 25 acres at Dryden Dam on the Wenatchee River for recreational boating and fishing access and possible use as a fish acclimation facility. The Wenatchee River is ranked in the top ten of white water rivers for floating and each year hosts more than 10,000 boaters, rafters, and kayakers along this stretch of the river. Expanding fishing seasons in recent years have added additional recreational opportunities with more than 3,400 anglers pursuing steelhead in 2011. The department will pave a parking lot for 30 vehicles with boat trailers and install two boat ramps (above and below Dryden Dam), a vault toilet, a retaining wall, and native landscaping. This development will allow safer boating and fishing access to the Wenatchee River and facilities for floaters that must come ashore while portaging around Dryden Dam. For details, click [12-1130](#).