



## Grants Awarded Community Forests Program 2021-2023

| Rank         | Score | Project Number and Type* | Grant Applicant               | Project Name  | Grant Request       | Applicant Match     | Total               | Grant Award         |
|--------------|-------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1            | 52.36 | 20-2023 A                | Chelan County                 | Nason Ridge Community Forest Acquisition              | \$3,000,000         | \$2,221,000         | \$5,221,000         | \$3,000,000         |
| 2            | 51.55 | 20-2016 A                | Jefferson Land Trust          | Chimacum Ridge Community Forest                       | \$3,000,000         | \$897,500           | \$3,897,500         | \$3,000,000         |
| 3            | 50.64 | 20-2089 A                | Nisqually Community Forest    | Nisqually Community Forest Phase 2                    | \$2,313,250         | \$2,313,250         | \$4,626,500         | \$2,313,000         |
| 4            | 49    | 20-2120 A                | Mount Adams Resource Stewards | Mount Adams Community Forest: Conboy Lake South Tract | \$1,399,100         | \$246,900           | \$1,646,000         | \$1,399,000         |
| 5            | 48    | 20-2044 A                | Kittitas Conservation Trust   | Cle Elum Ridge Community Forest Phase 1               | \$3,000,000         | \$800,250           | \$3,800,250         | \$3,000,000         |
| 6            | 47.64 | 20-2035 A                | Great Peninsula Conservancy   | North Kitsap Divide Block Community Forest            | \$2,935,000         | \$1,200,000         | \$4,135,000         | \$2,935,000         |
| 7            | 47.27 | 20-2054 A                | Ilwaco                        | Bear Ridge Community Forest                           | \$1,717,750         | \$600,000           | \$2,317,750         | Alternate           |
| 8            | 46.82 | 20-2017 A                | Whatcom Land Trust            | Stewart Mountain Community Forest: Riparian Reserve   | \$1,737,252         | \$308,000           | \$2,045,252         | Alternate           |
| 9            | 46.36 | 20-2069 A                | Hoquiam                       | Hoquiam Community Forest                              | \$3,000,000         | \$977,600           | \$3,977,600         | Alternate           |
| 10           | 46.27 | 20-2068 A                | Aberdeen                      | Aberdeen Community Forest: Fry Creek Watershed        | \$1,384,915         | \$245,585           | \$1,630,500         | Alternate           |
| 11           | 45.45 | 20-2079 A                | San Juan County Land Bank     | San Juan Island Northern Forestlands                  | \$1,546,000         | \$400,000           | \$1,946,000         | Alternate           |
| 12           | 44.36 | 20-2025 A                | Great Peninsula Conservancy   | Newberry Woods Community Forest Acquisition           | \$2,900,000         | \$760,000           | \$3,660,000         | Alternate           |
| 13           | 42.55 | 20-2046 C                | Dishman Hills Conservancy     | Dishman Hills Community Forest                        | \$3,000,000         | \$529,412           | \$3,529,412         | Alternate           |
| 14           | 42.45 | 20-2055 A                | Grays Harbor County           | Doyle Brothers 80                                     | \$271,575           | \$47,925            | \$319,500           | Alternate           |
| 15           | 38.36 | 20-2077 A                | Kitsap County                 | Illahee Preserve Community Forest Acquisitions        | \$2,284,500         | \$503,000           | \$2,787,500         | Alternate           |
| <b>Total</b> |       |                          |                               |   | <b>\$33,489,342</b> | <b>\$12,050,422</b> | <b>\$45,539,764</b> | <b>\$15,647,000</b> |

\*Project type: A=acquisition



## Preliminary Evaluation Ranking Community Forests Program 2021-2023

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| 3            | 50.64 | 20-2089 A               | Nisqually Community Forest    | Nisqually Community Forest Phase 2                    | \$2,313,250         | \$2,313,250         | \$4,626,500         |
| 4            | 49    | 20-2120 A               | Mount Adams Resource Stewards | Mount Adams Community Forest: Conboy Lake South Tract | \$1,399,100         | \$246,900           | \$1,646,000         |
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| 13           | 42.55 | 20-2046 C               | Dishman Hills Conservancy     | Dishman Hills Community Forest                        | \$3,000,000         | \$529,412           | \$3,529,412         |
| 14           | 42.45 | 20-2055 A               | Grays Harbor County           | Doyle Brothers 80                                     | \$271,575           | \$47,925            | \$319,500           |
| 15           | 38.36 | 20-2077 A               | Kitsap County                 | Illahee Preserve Community Forest Acquisitions        | \$2,284,500         | \$503,000           | \$2,787,500         |
| <b>Total</b> |       |                         |                               |   | <b>\$33,489,342</b> | <b>\$12,050,422</b> | <b>\$45,539,764</b> |

Project types: A=Acquisition, C=Combination

## Evaluation Scores Community Forests Program 2021-2023

| Rank | Project Number and Type | Project Name  | 1. Forestland Benefits | 2. Public Benefits | 3. Stewardship and Management | 4. Development and Restoration | 5. Community Engagement and Support | Total |
|------|-------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
|      |                         | Point Range   | 0-15                   | 0-15               | 0-15                          | 0-3                            | 0-15                                |       |
| 1    | 20-2023 A               | Nason Ridge Community Forest Acquisition              | 13.00                  | 12.82              | 12.91                         |                                | 13.64                               | 52.36 |
| 2    | 20-2016 A               | Chimacum Ridge Community Forest                       | 12.18                  | 13.00              | 13.00                         |                                | 13.36                               | 51.55 |
| 3    | 20-2089 A               | Nisqually Community Forest Phase 2                    | 12.55                  | 12.91              | 12.91                         |                                | 12.27                               | 50.64 |
| 4    | 20-2120 A               | Mount Adams Community Forest: Conboy Lake South Tract | 12.82                  | 12.00              | 12.82                         |                                | 11.36                               | 49.00 |
| 5    | 20-2044 A               | Cle Elum Ridge Community Forest Phase 1               | 12.82                  | 11.55              | 11.18                         |                                | 12.45                               | 48.00 |
| 6    | 20-2035 A               | North Kitsap Divide Block Community Forest            | 12.73                  | 11.82              | 11.18                         |                                | 11.91                               | 47.64 |
| 7    | 20-2054 A               | Bear Ridge Community Forest                           | 11.82                  | 12.09              | 11.45                         |                                | 11.91                               | 47.27 |
| 8    | 20-2017 A               | Stewart Mountain Community Forest: Riparian Reserve   | 12.09                  | 11.82              | 11.18                         |                                | 11.73                               | 46.82 |
| 9    | 20-2069 A               | Hoquiam Community Forest                              | 11.18                  | 11.09              | 12.45                         |                                | 11.64                               | 46.36 |
| 10   | 20-2068 A               | Aberdeen Community Forest: Fry Creek Watershed        | 11.09                  | 11.09              | 12.36                         |                                | 11.73                               | 46.27 |
| 11   | 20-2079 A               | San Juan Island Northern Forestlands                  | 12.18                  | 11.27              | 10.73                         |                                | 11.27                               | 45.45 |
| 12   | 20-2025 A               | Newberry Woods Community Forest Acquisition           | 11.45                  | 11.09              | 10.82                         |                                | 11.00                               | 44.36 |
| 13   | 20-2046 C               | Dishman Hills Community Forest                        | 10.91                  | 10.00              | 9.45                          | 2.09                           | 10.09                               | 42.55 |
| 14   | 20-2055 A               | Doyle Brothers 80                                     | 10.55                  | 11.00              | 11.36                         |                                | 9.55                                | 42.45 |
| 15   | 20-2077 A               | Illahee Preserve Community Forest Acquisitions        | 9.45                   | 9.18               | 9.09                          |                                | 10.64                               | 38.36 |

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## Project Summaries (In Rank Order)

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### **Chelan County** **Buying Nason Ridge for Community Forestland**

**Grant Requested: \$3,000,000**

The Chelan County Natural Resources Department will use this grant to buy Nason Ridge in north central Washington near Lake Wenatchee and Leavenworth. The purchase will protect 3,714 acres of forestland for habitat, recreation, and sustainable forest management. The area includes 2.5 miles of Nason Creek, a tributary to the Wenatchee River and habitat for salmon and steelhead. In coordination with nearby public lands, the primary recreation opportunities offered are hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and hunting. Chelan County will contribute more than \$2.2 million in local and federal grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2023)

### **Jefferson Land Trust** **Establishing Chimacum Ridge Community Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$3,000,000**

The Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to buy 853 acres of commercial forestland to establish the Chimacum Ridge Community Forest. Located near the unincorporated community of Chimacum, the ridge is a local landmark surrounded by farmland and forestland. The ridge mostly consists of second-growth Douglas fir and is home to 19 tributaries of salmon-bearing Chimacum Creek. The purchase will open 10 miles of new trails for activities such as hiking, biking, and birdwatching. In addition, the forest will provide resources to nonprofit and entrepreneurial endeavors for carpentry, woodworking, and wooden boat building, as well as botanical and berry harvests, guided experiences, and traditional food and tree harvests by local tribes. The Jefferson Land Trust will contribute \$897,500 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2016)

### **Nisqually Community Forest** **Expanding Nisqually Community Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$2,313,250**

The Nisqually Community Forest will use this grant to expand the 1,920-acre Nisqually Community forest by buying up to 1,280 acres of commercial timberlands along Busy Wild Creek, the headwaters of the Mashel River, the largest tributary to the Nisqually River. The land abuts the current forest and includes about 3.1 miles of Busy Wild Creek, which provides critical habitat for salmon and steelhead. The area also includes, and would permanently protect, the most popular section of the Mount Tahoma Trails Association's cross-country ski trail network, which is used by more than 5,000 people annually and is an important economic driver in the Ashford community. The Nisqually Community Forest will contribute more than \$2.3 million in a state grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2089)

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### **Mount Adams Resource Stewards Expanding Mount Adams Community Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$1,399,100**

The Mount Adams Resource Stewards will use this grant to buy 800 acres to add to the Mount Adams Community Forest in Klickitat County. This expansion would prevent the loss of valuable working forestlands that support the local forest industry, cattle ranching enterprises, and the integrity of an adjacent national wildlife refuge. It also would add future income-producing forestlands to the community forest ownership. The land is at risk of development. The purchase will benefit state-listed western grey squirrels and Washington's only nesting population of greater sandhill cranes on nearby refuge lands. Elk, deer, black bears, and cougars also frequent the area. The forest could be used for hiking, hunting, horseback riding, and mushroom picking. The Mount Adams Resource Stewards will contribute \$246,900 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2120)

### **Kittitas Conservation Trust Developing the Cle Elum Ridge Community Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$3,000,000**

The Kittitas Conservation Trust will use this grant to buy 1,250 acres in the first of three phases to create a 9,400-acre community forest on Cle Elum Ridge between Cle Elum, Roslyn, and the 55,000-acre Teanaway Community Forest. The trust plans to buy from a willing seller. This community forest will connect towns to hundreds of thousands of acres of forests and an expansive trails network, while curtailing residential development that threatens the ridge. The project will benefit the local tourism and forestry sectors while supporting public access, cross-boundary management, environmental education, and traditional tribal resources. The Kittitas Conservation Trust will contribute \$800,250 in a federal grant and donated land or property interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2044)

### **Great Peninsula Conservancy Developing the North Kitsap Divide Block Community Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$2,935,000**

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to establish one of the last remaining large blocks of private timberland in northern Kitsap County as a community forest. The 487-acre area is threatened with conversion to a 24-house development. Ample moisture, road infrastructure, and moderate slopes gives this area some of the best growing conditions in western Washington. It is also the future route of the regionally significant Sound to Olympics Trail, which will connect the Mountains to Sound Greenway with the Olympic Discovery Trail. The land is in an important 1,800-acre wildlife corridor, which includes Kitsap County's 800-acre North Kitsap Heritage Park, Great Peninsula Conservancy's 280-acre Grovers Creek Preserve, and private forestland. This project is part of the larger Kitsap Forest and Bay Project, which was a decade-long initiative to protect some of the last remaining large blocks of land in northern

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Kitsap County. The Great Peninsula Conservancy will contribute \$2.8 million in a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2035)

## **Ilwaco**

**Grant Requested: \$1,717,750**

### **Establishing Bear Ridge Community Forest**

The City of Ilwaco will use this grant to buy 210 acres of forestland in the Indian Creek watershed to create the Bear Ridge Community Forest in Pacific County. This will bring the entirety of the city's municipal watershed into public ownership. The project contains forests and 2.5 miles of Indian Creek. Protection supports habitat for northern spotted owl, cutthroat trout, and fall Chinook and coho salmon. Ongoing forest management will support high water flows in Indian Creek, which drains to Willapa Bay. The project will improve regional connectivity between the old-growth forests, marsh, and tidelands in the nearby Willapa National Wildlife Refuge and this ridgetop habitat. The primary recreation opportunities offered are hiking and mountain biking. Ilwaco will contribute \$600,000 in a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2054)

## **Whatcom Land Trust**

**Grant Requested: \$1,737,252**

### **Preserving Stewart Mountain Community Forest**

The Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy 502 acres of forestland along the South Fork Nooksack River. The purchase will be the first phase of a proposed 6,000-acre community forest on Stewart Mountain. The land contains significant amounts of steep slope, salmon-bearing tributaries, and forests up to 126 years old. The community forest will be managed as a working forest to support watershed health, sustainable jobs, wildlife habitat, and recreational access. The forest will provide opportunities for trails for nonmotorized uses. The Whatcom Land Trust will contribute \$308,000 in donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2017)

## **Hoquiam**

**Grant Requested: \$2,549,575**

### **Preserving Forestland in the Fry Creek Watershed**

The City of Hoquiam will use this grant to buy 387.5 acres split between the Fry Creek watershed in the northeast part of the city and land along the Little Hoquiam River in the northwest part of the city. The City will manage the areas as a community forest to protect the watershed north of the city and to log the trees to raise money for community services. The areas include Douglas fir and western hemlock forests. Fry Creek and the Little Hoquiam River are used by coho salmon and other fish. Hoquiam will contribute \$449,925. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2069)

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### **Aberdeen** **Creating the Aberdeen Community Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$1,384,915**

The City of Aberdeen will use this grant to buy 286 acres in the Fry Creek watershed and establish the Aberdeen Community Forest. This purchase will help the City protect the watershed north of the city, allow logging to support the local economy, and improve the community's resilience to flooding. Buying the land also would protect forest and wetland habitat. Additionally, the region contains Fry and Stewart Creeks, which are used by coho salmon and other fish. Aberdeen will contribute \$245,585. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2068)

### **San Juan County Land Bank** **Conserving Forestland on San Juan Island**

**Grant Requested: \$1,546,000**

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to conserve 220 acres of high-quality forestland, eliminating the potential for 44 new houses in the heart of a 3,000-acre, undeveloped area. Conservation of these properties is a linchpin in the broader effort to keep this wider landscape intact. The land features second-growth Douglas fir, western red cedar, and patches of old-growth trees with rocky outcrops and wetlands. The land is next to about 300 acres of conservation land to the south and 1,750 acres of private forestland to the west and north. Preserving this land will create a connected recreation corridor from the 900-acre English Camp unit of San Juan Island National Historical Park to the west and the conservation areas to the south. This project is a critical component for channeling development into more appropriate areas and successfully establishing the largest core conservation area on the island. The San Juan County Land Bank will contribute \$400,000 in a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2079)

### **Great Peninsula Conservancy** **Preserving Newberry Woods Community Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$2,900,000**

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to buy 207 acres of forestland in central Kitsap County, protecting one of the last remaining undeveloped forests in this rapidly developing area, and creating a sustainable model for forest management. About 130 acres are suitable for logging, with a diverse mix of trees. The remainder are ideal for restoration and protection of 1.36 miles of Little Anderson Creek and its tributaries. The forest serves as a wildlife corridor between the 1,082-acre Newberry Hill Heritage Park and the intact Little Anderson Valley. The Great Peninsula Conservancy will contribute \$760,000 in local and federal grants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2025)



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## **Dishman Hills Conservancy Creating the Dishman Hills Community Forest**

**Grant Requested: \$3,000,000**

The Dishman Hills Conservancy will use this grant to buy about 500 acres of forestland in the Dishman Hills area for a community forest. The forests are part of the wildlife corridor extending from Turnbull Wildlife Refuge east to Idaho. Dishman Hills already are the recreational hub for Spokane with prime hiking, running, mountain biking, and horse-riding areas. The purchase will increase the area open to the public. The Dishman Hills Conservancy will contribute \$529,412 in materials. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2046)

## **Grays Harbor County Buying Forestland to Log**

**Grant Requested: \$271,575**

Grays Harbor County will use this grant to buy about 80 acres of forestland about 15 miles south of Aberdeen for sustainable logging. The purchase will enable the County to increase its potential for revenue and create access to existing public forestland. The land may be used for hunting, hiking, and horse riding. Grays Harbor County will contribute \$47,925. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2055)

## **Kitsap County Conserving Community Forestland near the Illahee Preserve**

**Grant Requested: \$2,284,500**

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 38.5 acres of forest that are at risk of development next to the Illahee Preserve. The land includes a homestead with a pond and stream, a cleared wetland with commercial plans, and a platted forested corridor. The Illahee Preserve is mostly mature forest surrounding the Illahee Creek watershed. This grant will conserve prime community forestlands for the public. Kitsap County will contribute \$503,000 in Conservation Futures<sup>1</sup> and donated cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (20-2077)

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