

Grants Awarded

Farmland Preservation Category

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

2019-2021

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	50.56	18-1420A	French Slough Farm	PCC Farmland Trust	\$952,400	\$2,175,600	\$3,128,000	\$952,400
2	48.89	18-1421A	Rengen Ranch	PCC Farmland Trust	\$527,000	\$527,000	\$1,054,000	\$527,000
3	48.56	18-1376A	Mountain View Dairy	PCC Farmland Trust	\$778,711	\$793,289	\$1,572,000	\$778,711
4	47.33	18-2060A	McLeod Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$175,000	\$191,300	\$366,300	\$175,000
5	46.44	18-1944A	Dungeness Farmland Phase 2	North Olympic Land Trust	\$559,771	\$559,772	\$1,119,543	\$559,771
6	45.67	18-2015A	Roper Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$100,000	\$117,800	\$217,800	\$100,000
7	45.56	18-1503A	Kaukiki Farmland Preservation	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$150,000	\$500,000	\$650,000	\$150,000
8	43.56	18-1632A	Eagleson Farmland Easement	Blue Mountain Land Trust	\$284,500	\$284,500	\$569,000	\$284,500
9	43.22	18-1418A	Getchell Ranch	PCC Farmland Trust	\$111,200	\$111,200	\$222,400	\$111,200
10	41.78	18-1625A	TeVelde Agricultural Conservation Easement	Whatcom County	\$75,000	\$92,800	\$167,800	\$75,000
11	39.56	18-2052A	Skagit River Maple Farm	Skagit County	\$69,125	\$69,125	\$138,250	Not Funded ²
12	38.22	18-1705A	Barnes Rangeland Conservation Easement	Okanogan Land Trust	\$729,363	\$729,364	\$1,458,727	\$729,363
13	38.11	18-1861A	Miller 4-Bravo Farmland and Ranch	Okanogan Land Trust	\$215,775	\$215,775	\$431,550	\$215,775
14	37.33	18-2051A	Bell Farm	Skagit County	\$222,875	\$222,875	\$445,750	Not Funded ²
15	37.17	18-2050A	Olson Family Farms	Skagit County	\$60,375	\$60,375	\$120,750	Not Funded ²
16	35.44	18-2049A	Nelson Lewis Farm	Skagit County	\$57,875	\$57,875	\$115,750	Not Funded ²
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²Grant applicant did not certify match. Project is not eligible for funding.

Preliminary Ranking
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Evaluation Scores
Farmland Preservation Projects
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Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	6		7		8	9	Total
							Farmland Stewardship		Benefits to the Community				
	Project Name	Viability of the Site	Threat to the Land	Access to Markets	On Site Infrastructure	Building Envelope	Stewardship Practices	Bonus-Stewardship Practices in Easement	Benefits	Bonus-Letters of Support	Match	Easement Duration	
1	French Slough Farm	15.33	9.11	3.89	4.00	3.78	3.89	1.78	4.78	2.00	2.00	0.00	50.56
2	Rengen Ranch	15.22	8.33	3.89	4.00	3.78	4.67	1.89	5.11	2.00	0.00	0.00	48.89
3	Mountain View Dairy	14.89	9.11	3.89	3.89	3.44	4.56	1.67	5.11	2.00	0.00	0.00	48.56
4	McLeod Agricultural Conservation Easement	14.56	9.89	4.00	3.67	3.56	4.00	1.44	4.67	1.56	0.00	0.00	47.33
5	Dungeness Farmland Phase 2	14.11	9.44	3.67	3.00	3.11	4.56	1.44	5.11	2.00	0.00	0.00	46.44
6	Roper Agricultural Conservation Easement	14.00	8.56	4.00	3.78	3.67	4.33	1.33	4.33	1.67	0.00	0.00	45.67
7	Kaukiki Farmland Preservation	13.00	8.00	3.56	3.56	3.33	4.78	1.00	4.44	1.89	2.00	0.00	45.56
8	Eagleson Farmland Easement	15.11	7.00	4.00	2.33	2.78	4.78	1.44	4.44	1.67	0.00	0.00	43.56
9	Getchell Ranch	13.56	6.78	3.67	3.56	3.11	4.22	1.78	4.56	2.00	0.00	0.00	43.22
10	TeVelde Agricultural Conservation Easement	13.11	7.56	3.78	2.00	3.44	3.22	1.56	3.78	1.33	2.00	0.00	41.78
11	Skagit River Maple Farm	14.44	5.56	4.00	3.56	3.11	3.67	1.44	3.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.56
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16	Nelson Lewis Farm	14.00	5.44	3.78	1.78	3.22	2.56	1.00	3.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.44

Evaluators score Questions 1-7; RCO staff scores Questions 8-9.

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Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



PCC Farmland Trust Preserving French Slough Farm

Grant Requested: \$952,400

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for the 570-acre French Slough Farm, preventing its development. The land borders French Creek and the Pilchuck River where it meets the Snohomish River. Both the Pilchuck and Snohomish Rivers are priority habitat for migrating and breeding Chinook salmon, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and coho, a National Marine Fisheries Service species of concern, as well as cutthroat, chum, and bull trout. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute more than \$2.1 million in conservation futures¹ and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1420)

PCC Farmland Trust Protecting Rengen Ranch

Grant Requested: \$527,000

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for the 200-acre Rengen Ranch, preventing development. The tremendous population growth in Snohomish County has put additional development pressure on farms immediately surrounding the county's growing metropolitan areas, and makes large, contiguous farms like Rengen Ranch critical for maintaining an agricultural industry in Snohomish County. The owners have maintained the former dairy infrastructure in good condition, along with their water rights, farm roads, and livestock fencing for continued agricultural use into the future. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$527,000 in donations of cash and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1421)

PCC Farmland Trust Preserving Mountain View Dairy

Grant Requested: \$778,711

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for the 284-acre Mountain View Dairy, preventing development. Founded in the 1950s, this certified organic dairy farm is under a lease-to-own arrangement with an established local farming family. Permanently protecting this farm through a conservation easement allows a local farm business to expand, increases local food production, and conserves prime farmland soils. The project has support from Pierce County and the Pierce Conservation District. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$793,289 in donations of cash and conservation futures.² Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1376)

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Whatcom County **Conserving the McLeod Property**

Grant Requested: \$175,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 16.59 acres of prime agricultural soils. The land currently supports a local farm business, Uprising Organics, which grows vegetable, flower, and herb seeds. This area protects shoreline habitat for migratory waterfowl and provides an additional buffer to the large dairy operation next door. This land's proximity to Wisner Lake, which a large and diverse assortment of migratory waterfowl visit, also helps to protect wildlife habitat. Whatcom County will contribute \$191,300 in conservation futures³ and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2060)

North Olympic Land Trust **Preserving Dungeness Farmland**

Grant Requested: \$559,771

The North Olympic Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 104 acres of prime farmland in the Sequim-Dungeness valley with increased development pressure. Leased by the same family since the 1940s, the farm supports cattle and hay. An agricultural conservation easement will conserve the countryside view from the levee along the Dungeness River that thousands of people walk each month. North Olympic Land Trust will contribute \$559,772 in donations of cash and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1944)

Whatcom County **Conserving the Roper Property**

Grant Requested: \$100,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 26.75 acres of prime agricultural soils. This land supports Sage and Sky Farm, which raises mixed vegetables and sheep for meat and wool production on about 4 acres. Agricultural lands in this area include wetlands where a diverse assortment of migratory waterfowl regularly visit. Whatcom County will contribute \$117,800 in conservation futures⁴ and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2015)

Great Peninsula Conservancy **Preserving Kaukiki Farmland**

Grant Requested: \$150,000

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 96 acres of farmland, which is under increasing development pressure. Kaukiki farmland includes prime agricultural soils and includes ponds, wetlands, and a fish-bearing stream that flows through the area and into Taylor Bay. Owned and operated by the Bryant family since 2008, the farm produces cattle and sheep for meat and wool. At 141 acres, Kaukiki

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Farm is one of the largest agricultural and community resources on the Key Peninsula. The landowners offer outreach and educational opportunities through their partnerships with the Key Peninsula Farm Tour and Pierce County Conservation District. Great Peninsula Conservancy will contribute \$500,000 in a local grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1503)

Blue Mountain Land Trust Protecting Eagleson Farmland

Grant Requested: \$284,500

The Blue Mountain Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement on 652 acres of farmland next to other conserved land. The land boasts 360-degree views of Walla Walla and the Blue Mountains, making it a prime target for development despite its productivity as farmland. An easement will prevent development, ensuring that this land remains in farmland production. Blue Mountain Land Trust will contribute \$284,500 in a donation of land value and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1632)

PCC Farmland Trust Preserving Getchell Ranch

Grant Requested: \$111,200

PCC Farmland Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for Getchell Ranch, one of the oldest farmsteads in the Snohomish River Valley. The 94-acre ranch includes prime soils, a historic farmhouse and barn, a small heritage orchard, and pasture. Owned by the same family since 1873, the ranch has been home to sheep, pigs, dairy and beef cattle, oxen, poultry, fruit, corn, potatoes, pasture, and hay. The Washington Heritage Register, the Snohomish County Centennial Farm Registry, and the Snohomish County Register of Historic Places recognize Getchell Ranch's significant cultural and historic value. The easement will prevent the land from being developed. PCC Farmland Trust will contribute \$111,200 in donations of cash and a federal grant. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1418)

Whatcom County Conserving TeVelde Agricultural Lands

Grant Requested: \$75,000

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 19.6 acres of prime soils in northern Whatcom County, near the TeVelde Farm. Migratory waterfowl regularly visit agricultural lands in this area. Whatcom County will contribute \$92,800 in conservation futures.⁵ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1625)

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Skagit County

Grant Requested: \$69,125

Protecting Skagit River Maple Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to buy a 63-acre voluntary land preservation agreement, which removes one development right and a single-family house. Near the protected Cascade Trail and the Skagit Land Trust's Minkler Lake land complex, this land falls within the Skagit River floodplain. The project will protect farmland and critical areas and conserve soil in perpetuity. Skagit County will contribute \$69,125 in conservation futures.⁶ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2052)

Okanogan Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$729,363

Barnes Rangeland Conservation Easement

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 2,691 acres of the Ellis Barnes Livestock Company's rangeland, which will restrict future development. The land includes wetlands that provide habitat for waterfowl, cavity-nesting ducks, and Chinook salmon. The Barnes family began assembling this ranch in 1924 and incorporated it in 1929, making it one of the oldest in Okanogan County. This family-owned cow-calf operation is one of a handful still operating in the northern Okanogan Valley and contributes significantly to the local agricultural economy. Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$729,364 in a federal appropriation and donations of cash. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1705)

Okanogan Land Trust

Grant Requested: \$215,775

Preserving Miller 4-Bravo Farmland and Ranch

The Okanogan Land Trust will use this grant to buy a 371-acre voluntary land preservation agreement for land owned by Daniel Miller with 4-Bravo Ranch. Made up of irrigated farmland and pasture, along with aspen and dry mixed conifer forest, this project will protect productive farm and rangeland that supports hay farming and livestock ranching. Located near Washington State Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Forest Service land, the area will facilitate expanded opportunities for cattle ranching and wildlife movement. The land includes a section of Curlew Creek, a fish-bearing creek with streambank habitat. Near Curlew and State Highway 21, the land sees increased pressure for industrial or residential development. Okanogan Land Trust will contribute \$215,775 in donations of cash and land interest. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-1861)

Skagit County

Grant Requested: \$222,875

Protecting Bell Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement for 150 acres on the western Skagit River delta, immediately south of State Route 20 and between Telegraph Slough and Blind Slough. This land produces potatoes. This project will protect farmland,

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conserve soil, and protect critical areas in perpetuity. It also will reduce the number of homes and septic systems in the floodplain. Skagit County will contribute \$222,875 in conservation futures.⁷ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2051)

Skagit County Preserving Olson Family Farms

Grant Requested: \$60,375

Skagit County will use this grant to buy voluntary land preservation agreement for 18 acres just outside the Mount Vernon city limit. This land is under high residential development pressure. This project will protect farmland, conserve soil, and protect critical areas in perpetuity. It will also reduce the number of homes and septic systems in the floodplain. Skagit County will contribute \$60,375 in conservation futures.⁸ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2050)

Skagit County Preserving Skagit County Farmland

Grant Requested: \$57,875

Skagit County will use this grant to buy a 40-acre voluntary land preservation agreement on a commercial potato farm owned by the Nelson family. In addition to protecting soils, this project will reduce the number of homes and septic systems in the floodplain. Skagit County will contribute \$57,875 in conservation futures.⁹ Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (18-2049)

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