

Forestland Preservation Projects

Grants Awarded

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
2017-2019

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Request	Grant Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	33.38	17-1144A	Rock Creek Forest	Columbia Land Trust	\$350,000	\$434,000	\$784,000	\$350,000
2	33.00	17-1206A	Little Skookum Inlet Forest	Forterra	\$350,000	\$760,012	\$1,110,012	\$350,000
3	17.00	17-1268A	Kirby Forestland	Great Peninsula Conservancy	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$700,000	Withdrawn ²
					\$1,050,000	\$1,544,012	\$2,594,012	\$700,000

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2017-18

¹A=Acquisition

²Grant applicant withdrew this project.



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Preliminary Ranking
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Evaluation Scores**
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Rank	Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
	Project Name	Viability of the Site	Forestland Stewardship	Threat to the Land	Community Values	Match	
1	Rock Creek Forest	13.25	8.38	5.75	4.00	2.00	33.38
2	Little Skookum Inlet Forest	12.38	7.75	5.75	5.13	2.00	33.00
3	Kirby Forestland Preservation	5.38	4.50	4.88	2.25	0.00	17.00

Evaluators score Questions 1-4; RCO staff scores Questions 5.

Forestland Preservation Category Project Summaries (In Rank Order)



Columbia Land Trust Conserving Rock Creek Forest

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to conserve about 360 acres of forestland on the East Fork Lewis River and Rock Creek in northeastern Clark County. The land is divided into two blocks. The northern block straddles the confluence of Rock Creek and East Fork Lewis River. The southern block straddles Rock Creek upstream from the confluence. The land is actively managed for timber but parts of it are divided into 5-acre residential lots. Because these lots were created before current zoning regulations, they can be developed. This project will prevent fragmentation and future development of the forest, ensuring that it continues to be managed as a working forest. The Columbia Land Trust will contribute \$434,000 from a local grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (17-1144)

Forterra Conserving Little Skookum Inlet Forest and Shoreline

Grant Requested: \$350,000

Forterra will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for land on the southern shore of Little Skookum Inlet in Mason County. The land consists of 816 acres of working forests, wetlands, and nearly 2 miles of Puget Sound shoreline. The preservation agreement would extinguish the development rights and expand the no-cut buffers from 50 to 90 feet up to 150 feet on the salmon-bearing streams and 100 feet on the marine shoreline, permanently protecting the working forest and the land's environmental benefits. Preventing development prevents damages to water quality, salmon habitat, shoreline processes, and cultural resources. The property has been actively managed as a working forest for more than 150 years by Port Blakely Tree Farms, generating multiple rotations of timber and supplying local mills. However, the property has been zoned for rural residential development, and plans drawn up for its development. Development would not only impact generations of local forest products, habitat, and cultural resources, but would be detrimental to the productive – and commercially lucrative – shellfish growing areas in the inlet. Forterra will contribute \$760,012 in another grant, a private grant, and a state grant. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (17-1206)

Great Peninsula Conservancy Preserving Forestland near Gig Harbor

Grant Requested: \$350,000

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, on 28 acres of intact forestland near Wollochet Bay and Gig Harbor. The agreement will prevent future development, but allow continued forest management in perpetuity. The forest is dominated by 85-year-old trees, including Douglas fir, cedar, maple, hemlock, and alder. The land also has wetlands and Sullivan Gulch Creek, which supports cutthroat trout and coho salmon. The land is in a region experiencing population

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growth and accelerated urban development. The project will extinguish six development rights. The permanent protection of the forestland will ensure the preservation of a viable working forest, opportunities for local employment, wildlife habitat, and clean water. The Great Peninsula Conservancy will contribute \$350,000 in donations of land. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Snapshot](#). (17-1268)