

Preliminary Ranking

Critical Habitat Category

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
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Rank	Score	Project Number		Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant	
		and Type ¹	Grant Applicant			Match	Total
1	48.3	24-1489 A	Columbia Land Trust	Klickitat Oaks Phase Two	\$4,762,250	\$4,762,250	\$9,524,500
2	44.3	24-1469 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Beezley Hills	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
3	42.8	24-1330 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Mid Columbia-Grand Coulee	\$6,001,250		\$6,001,250
3	42.8	24-1332 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Scroggie Canyon	\$710,000		\$710,000
3	42.8	24-1333 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Blue Lake Oroville	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
6	42.1	24-1928 A	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Jasper Mountain Reserve	\$1,560,750	\$1,560,750	\$3,121,500
7	41.8	24-1331 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Wenas Watershed-Miracle Mile	\$1,150,000		\$1,150,000
8	40.8	24-1336 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Hoffstadt Hills	\$6,500,000		\$6,500,000
9	40.4	24-1924 A	Skagit Land Trust	Samish River Wetlands Acquisition	\$247,500	\$272,500	\$520,000
10	39.4	24-1536 A	Chelan-Douglas Land Trust	Badger Mountain	\$870,000	\$877,000	\$1,747,000
11	38.0	24-1335 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Rendezvous Conservation Easements	\$1,725,000		\$1,725,000
Total					\$25,526,750	\$7,472,500	\$32,999,250

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		Point Range	0-20	0-10	0-15	0-5	0-3	
1	24-1489 A	Klickitat Oaks Phase Two	19.00	8.58	13.75	4.33	2.67	48.33
2	24-1469 A	Beezley Hills	16.58	9.25	12.33	3.83	2.25	44.25
3	24-1333 A	Blue Lake Oroville	17.00	7.75	12.17	3.58	2.33	42.83
3	24-1332 A	Scroggie Canyon	16.00	7.75	13.25	3.58	2.25	42.83
3	24-1330 A	Mid Columbia-Grand Coulee	16.42	8.42	12.17	3.75	2.08	42.83
6	24-1928 A	Jasper Mountain Reserve	16.42	8.25	11.75	3.33	2.33	42.08
7	24-1331 A	Wenas Watershed-Miracle Mile	16.33	8.25	11.25	3.50	2.42	41.75
8	24-1336 A	Hoffstadt Hills	14.58	7.50	12.08	4.00	2.67	40.83
9	24-1924 A	Samish River Wetlands Acquisition	14.92	7.75	12.08	3.92	1.75	40.42
10	24-1536 A	Badger Mountain	15.83	7.67	11.33	3.17	1.42	39.42
11	24-1335 A	Rendezvous Conservation Easements	15.50	7.42	10.58	2.92	1.58	38.00

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Columbia Land Trust **Continuing Conservation of Klickitat Oaks**

Grant Request: \$4,762,250

The Columbia Land Trust will use this grant to buy 2,800 acres of state priority Oregon white oak woodland, savanna, and mixed oak-conifer habitat above the Wild and Scenic Klickitat River. The purchase creates a critical two-mile link between already-conserved oak habitat to the north and south. Oregon white oak is one of eleven priority terrestrial habitat types in the state and 90 percent of the remaining oak in Washington is in this region. The land also is used by twenty state priority wildlife species. Both Oregon white oak and the Klickitat River are anticipated to provide resilience to climate change due to oaks' drought tolerance and fire resilience and the undammed river's north-south orientation. The purchase will allow opportunities for hiking, wildlife watching, and hunting. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1489)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Conserving Beezley Hills for Pygmy Rabbits**

Grant Request: \$1,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 640 acres of Beezley Hills, six miles north of Quincy, to conserve shrub-steppe habitat. The department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are using the land in reintroduction efforts for the Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit. The land also is in the range of the greater sage-grouse. The population of Columbia Basin pygmy rabbit in Washington is extremely small and is designated for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act. The population is threatened by loss and degradation of shrub-steppe, primarily caused by converting the land to farms and development. Of the 10.4 million acres of shrub-steppe that were in eastern Washington before European settlers arrived in the mid-nineteenth century, only 20 percent remains. The acquisition also will provide opportunities for hiking, wildlife viewing, bird hunting, and mule deer hunting. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1469)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Conserving Mid-Columbia Shrub-Steppe**

Grant Request: \$6,001,250

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 4,321 acres along the Columbia River, fourteen miles northwest of Grand Coulee. The purchase will protect high-quality sagebrush-steppe habitat, ponderosa pine stands, wetlands, and 2.6 miles of Columbia River shoreline. The land will be incorporated into the adjacent Big Bend Wildlife Area and managed to benefit Columbian sharptailed grouse, which is a species listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act, and greater sage-grouse, which is a species listed as threatened, as well as other shrub-steppe species. The project will expand connection between regional grouse populations, making the purchase a strategic component in the department's

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efforts to maintain and recover both grouse species. The purchase also supports recovery plans for Washington ground squirrels and pygmy rabbits. As part of the 22,121-acre Big Bend Wildlife Area, the purchase will expand opportunities for big game and upland bird hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1330)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Scroggie Canyon

Grant Request: \$710,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 742 acres next to Colockum Creek, south of Wenatchee, to protect and improve shrub-steppe habitat. The purchase will help address the loss of quality shrub-steppe habitat in eastern Washington and improve habitat connectivity and management efficiencies in the department's Colockum Wildlife Area. The land includes Scroggie Canyon, intact shrub-steppe habitat as well as ridgetops that have been altered by farming. The land is used by California bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain elk, Rocky Mountain mule deer, and golden eagles and is considered critical winter range for elk, mule deer, and bighorn sheep. Additionally, it contains two habitats listed as Imperiled Habitats of Greatest Conservation Needs in the *Washington State Wildlife Action Plan*: (1) Columbia Basin Foothill and Canyon Dry Grassland and (2) Inter-Mountain Basin Big Sagebrush Steppe. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1332)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Buying Land Along Blue Lake

Grant Request: \$1,000,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to conserve about 479 acres of shrub-steppe habitat, about five miles southwest of Oroville in the northern Okanogan Valley. The land is next to Blue Lake and borders state-owned land. The purchase includes about a quarter-mile of Blue Lake shoreline. The purchase protects significant shrub-steppe and riverbank habitats for species such as mule deer and the federally listed gray wolf. The purchase will expand recreational opportunities in the upper Okanogan Valley, which is popular for hiking, boating, camping, hunting, and wildlife viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1333)

Blue Mountain Land Trust Conserving Jasper Mountain Reserve

Grant Request: \$1,560,750

The Blue Mountain Land Trust will use this grant to buy the 327.4-acre Jasper Mountain Reserve, next to the 8,441-acre Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's Rainwater Wildlife Area. The land has a diverse mix of eastside steppe, moist mixed ponderosa pine, and riverine habitat, making it a regional corridor for diverse wildlife. There are eleven documented Species of Greatest Conservation need, including the state endangered gray wolf. The land hosts

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a breeding pair of great gray owls, which are exceptionally rare. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates that only one hundred great gray owls live in the state. The purchase will protect the land forever and provide public access for low-impact recreation, research, and education. To date, thirteen miles of hiking trails have been built and two more miles are planned. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1928)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Conserving the Miracle Mile in the Wenas Watershed**

Grant Request: \$1,150,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to conserve 440 acres of shrub-steppe and stream bank habitat, called the Miracle Mile. The land supports an extraordinary diversity of species. It borders the Wenas Wildlife Area on two sides and connects two important core habitats. The land contains imperiled shrub-steppe habitat and a low-elevation pine forest bisected by streams, with significant conservation importance in the region. About 25 percent of bird species that occur in the lower forty-eight states have been identified in this watershed. A significant component of the Yakima elk herd and mule deer populations winter next to this property. Pressure from development in this area as well as its proximity to multiple cities increases the risk of residential development. The Wenas Wildlife Area is popular for recreation including hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, and other wildlife viewing. The department will use a combination of direct purchases of land and purchases of voluntary land preservation agreements, also called conservation easements, to conserve the land. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1331)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Conserving Hoffstadt Hills and Access to the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area**

Grant Request: \$6,500,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 1,200 acres of a larger 7,500-acre acquisition strategy. The land lies between State Route 504 and the Mount Saint Helens Wildlife Area. It includes cliffs, talus slopes, and forested wetlands. Most of the land is in the 1980 volcanic blast zone and next to the U.S. Forest Service National Volcanic Monument. The first phase of acquisition will focus on the westernmost portion of the area to secure access to the Mudflow and Hoffstadt Units of the wildlife area and to protect the area from residential development. The purchase will protect and enhance elk winter range and provide year-round public access to the wildlife area, which is effectively landlocked by private ownership. Watershed function and tributary habitat also would be enhanced to benefit coho salmon and steelhead trout, which are species listed as at-risk of extinction. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1336)

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Skagit Land Trust **Conserving the Samish River Wetlands**

Grant Request: \$247,500

The Skagit Land Trust will use this grant to buy about twenty-six acres of important riverine and wetland habitat in Skagit County. The land includes one-third mile of the upper Samish River, north of Sedro-Woolley. The land contains critical habitat for the Oregon spotted frog, which is a species listed by the State as endangered and by the federal government as threatened with extinction. The land also supports a variety of salmon species including Endangered Species Act-listed steelhead trout, as well as coho and chum salmon and resident coastal cutthroat trout. The purchase will permanently protect 22.5 acres of nationally declining palustrine forested and scrub-shrub wetlands and 3.5 acres of lowland streambank forest for the benefit of these species. Once purchased, the land will be opened for low-impact public use. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1924)

Chelan-Douglas Land Trust **Conserving Badger Mountain Critical Habitat**

Grant Request: \$870,000

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust will use this grant to buy voluntary land preservation agreements, also called conservation easements, for more than 3,200 acres on Badger Mountain in Douglas County. The purchase will allow continued farming and ranching, and protect the area as critical habitat for greater sage-grouse, a state endangered species. The land trust is working to connect important properties on Badger Mountain through conservation easements that compensate landowners for voluntarily maintaining their land as ranching and wildlife habitat. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1536)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **Conserving Shrub-Steppe in the Methow Valley**

Grant Request: \$1,725,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy voluntary land preservation agreements, also called conservation easements, on 169 acres of shrub-steppe habitat, 2.5 miles northwest of Winthrop in the upper Methow Valley. The land is a critical migratory corridor for mule deer. The purchase will conserve shrub-steppe habitat for winter mule deer and species dependent on sagebrush. It also will improve the mobility of animals such as the state endangered gray wolf by bolstering the north-south wildlife corridor connecting state and federal lands. The purchase also will expand recreational opportunities in upper Methow Valley, which is widely used for hiking, wildlife viewing, and many other outdoor activities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1335)

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Total
1	42	24-1549 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation	\$3,213,760	\$3,213,760
2	41.33	24-1545 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Cypress Island Nature Resources Conservation	\$2,115,459	\$2,115,459
3	40.5	24-1461 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area	\$4,490,300	\$4,490,300
4	37.75	24-1548 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Dabob Bay Natural Area	\$1,545,085	\$1,545,085
Total					\$11,364,604	\$11,364,604

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Rank	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics	2. Species and Communities with Special Status	3. Manageability and Viability	4. Public Benefit and Community Support	5. Multiple Benefits	Total
		Point Range	0-20	0-10	0-15	0-5	0-3	
1	24-1549 A	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area	15.33	7.58	12.75	4.58	1.75	42.00
2	24-1545 A	Cypress Island Nature Resources Conservation Area	16.08	6.75	12.08	4.00	2.42	41.33
3	24-1461 A	Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area	15.75	7.33	12.25	3.42	1.75	40.50
4	24-1548 A	Dabob Bay Natural Area	15.00	5.00	12.08	3.83	1.83	37.75

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving the Woodard Bay Area

Grant Request: \$3,213,760

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about forty-eight acres of important habitat in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, near Olympia. The land includes beach, shoreline, and forest. The Natural Resources Conservation Area hosts a diverse array of saltwater and freshwater habitats on the periphery of one of the state's faster growing urban areas. The conservation area also is a regionally significant haven for wildlife, hosting shorebirds, songbirds, harbor seals, river otters, bald eagles, a heron rookery, a colony of double-crested cormorants, native Olympia oysters, and one of the largest maternity bat colonies in the state. The conservation area frequently is visited by school students and college classes. It also has been approved for registration on the National Register of Historic Places as a rural historic landscape for its rich human history involving tribes, early settlers to southern Puget Sound, as well as logging and shellfish industries. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1549)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Cypress Island

Grant Request: \$2,115,459

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about twenty-nine acres on Cypress Island in Skagit County. The department owns and manages about 95 percent of the island as the Cypress Highlands Natural Area Preserve and the Cypress Island Natural Resources Conservation Area. As the fifth largest and most undeveloped island in the San Juan archipelago, Cypress offers the best example of a relatively undisturbed, diverse terrestrial and marine ecological system. Nearly eighteen miles of undeveloped marine shoreline, old-growth forests, undisturbed wetlands, springs, and lakes provide the largest protected area of contiguous habitat in the San Juan Islands. There is no other site like it. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1545)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Land in the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area

Grant Request: \$4,490,300

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about eighty-five acres of important habitat in the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area, near Seabeck in Kitsap County. The land contains mature forest cover habitat and is at risk for development. Its addition to the conservation area will support wildlife and protect Puget Sound nearshore habitat and critical wetland complexes. The Stavis Natural Area, which is a combination of the conservation area and the Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve, protects high-quality and regionally diminishing wildlife habitat and is a crucial part of the larger landscape of forestlands on the

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western Kitsap Peninsula. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1461)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Expanding the Dabob Bay Natural Area

Grant Request: \$1,545,085

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy nearly nineteen acres of shoreline and mature forest in the Dabob Bay Natural Area, in Jefferson County. The land includes a natural feeder bluff and developable uplands. The land is next to state-conserved land. Buying the land will allow the department to further strengthen the long-term protection of the Dabob Bay Natural Area, support future education and research opportunities, and provide potential opportunities for low-impact public use. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1548)

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Riparian Protection Category

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	60.73	24-1594 A	Forterra	Frog's Home Acquisition	\$706,662	\$706,949	\$1,413,611
2	60.18	24-1997 A	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation	White Salmon River Conservation Lands	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000
3	57.9	24-1556 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation	\$1,008,012		\$1,008,012
4	55.91	24-1573 C	Whatcom Land Trust	Kelsey Addition	\$397,437	\$399,438	\$796,875
5	51.64	24-1337 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Chehalis Valley	\$2,275,000		\$2,275,000
6	51.18	24-1338 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Canyon Creek	\$300,000		\$300,000
Total					\$7,687,111	\$4,106,387	\$11,793,498

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition, C=Combination

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Rank	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	1. Acquisition Benefits	2. Planning and Community Support	3. Stewardship	4. Restoration	5. Threats to the Habitat	6. Community Benefit and Public Access	7. Matching Share	8. Matching Share Bonus	9. Growth Management Act	Total
		Point Range	0-20	0-15	0-16	0-8	0-5	0-10	0-3	0-1	-1-0	
1	24-1594 A	Frog's Home Acquisition	18.64	13.73	14.36		4.55	8.45	0.00	1.00	0.00	60.73
2	24-1997 A	White Salmon River Conservation Lands Acquisition	18.09	14.27	14.27		4.18	8.36	0.00	1.00	0.00	60.18
3	24-1556 A	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Riparian Protection	17.30	13.60	13.80		3.90	9.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.90
4	24-1573 C	Kelsey Addition	16.55	13.00	7.09	6.27	4.00	7.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	55.91
5	24-1337 A	Chehalis Valley	15.82	12.00	12.91		3.36	7.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.64
6	24-1338 A	Canyon Creek	14.91	12.55	13.36		2.91	7.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.18

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Forterra Conserving Frog's Home

Grant Request; \$706,662

Forterra Northwest and the Confederated Bands and Tribes of the Yakama Nation will use this grant to reacquire 176 acres of environmentally and culturally significant land in the Nation's treaty territory. The land, known as Frog's Home, is along the Yakima River and Union Gap Canal in Moxee, south of Yakima and next to the Yakama Reservation. The land's Yakima River side channels are habitat for Chinook and coho salmon, and steelhead and bull trout. The purchase will allow the Nation to permanently eliminate livestock grazing, improve river and wetland buffers, and restore the former ranch to improve water quality and quantity in the Yakima River for migrating salmon species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1594)

Confederated Bands and Tribes of the Yakama Nation Conserving the White Salmon River

Grant Request; \$3,000,000

The Yakama Nation will use this grant to buy 5.6 miles of the lower White Salmon River corridor in Skamania and Klickitat Counties. The goal is to protect intact, high-quality habitat critical for salmon, steelhead, and other species. The land consists of 458 acres of undeveloped riverbank and uplands, and nearly 10.3 miles of streambank. The project will benefit Endangered Species-Act-listed coho, Chinook, and chum salmon, and steelhead and bull trout. The basin has diverse habitats and species, unique geologic features, and year-round cold, clean water. The land is primarily rural but experiencing significant development pressure, and is identified as a high priority for protection in the Klickitat Lead Entity Salmon Recovery Strategy, National Marine Fisheries Service salmon recovery plans, and other plans. Condit Dam was removed in 2012, restoring up to thirty-three miles of fish passage. Conservation of the land will ensure the restoration investment there is protected into the future. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1997)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Conserving Land in Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area

Grant Request; \$1,008,012

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about sixty-eight acres in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, just north of Olympia in Thurston County. Most of the land is undeveloped shoreline, wetland, and tideland. The conservation area protects an outstanding example of Washington's native ecological systems, including more than five miles of undeveloped shorelines, wetlands, and mature forests in the Henderson Inlet watershed. The conservation area also is a regionally significant haven for wildlife, hosting shorebirds and songbirds, harbor seals, river otters, bald eagles, a heron rookery, a colony of double-crested cormorants, native Olympia oysters, and one of the largest maternity bat

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colonies in the state. The conservation area frequently is visited by students. The area has been approved for registration on the National Register of Historic Places as a rural historic landscape for its rich human history involving tribes and early settlers to southern Puget Sound, as well as the logging and shellfish industries. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1556)

Whatcom Land Trust Expanding Kelsey Preserve

Grant Request; \$397,437

The Whatcom Land Trust will use this grant to buy and restore 50.8 acres of habitat along Lake Terrell at the confluence of Butler Creek in Whatcom County. The purchase will expand the trust's Kelsey Preserve by adding forty acres of riverbank habitat, about one-third mile of lake shoreline, and more than one thousand feet of Butler Creek. In total, nearly 0.4 mile of coho salmon-spawning habitat in Butler Creek will be protected. The Kelsey Preserve provides opportunities for passive recreation, such as birding and wildlife viewing. The purchase will create nearly contiguous protection around Lake Terrell with the adjacent Lake Terrell Wildlife Management Area managed by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The surrounding areas and wetlands provide habitat and foraging grounds for state candidate species such as western grebe, state sensitive species such as the common loon, and for trumpeter swan, bufflehead, and northern pintail. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1573)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving the Chehalis Valley

Grant Request; \$2,275,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy up to 252 acres of stream bank and wetlands at three sites in the Chehalis River watershed in Grays Harbor County (146 acres near Elma, 95 acres near Porter, and 11 acres near Montesano). The land would expand department ownership next to fish-bearing streams and rivers, permanently protecting about three miles of stream and river shoreline. The land is a mix of riverbank, floodplain, forests, and pastures that support a variety of waterfowl, elk, beaver, and salmon species. Species of Greatest Conservation Need-listed species found around the sites include band-tailed pigeon, wood ducks, and endemic Olympic mudminnow. Recreational opportunities include fishing and hunting. The department's goal is to build ecologically resilient blocks of land that are connected by water within the Chehalis River watershed and to increase the amount of department-owned land around its regional office used for research, restoration, and public outreach. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1337)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving Canyon Creek

Grant Request; \$300,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy eighty acres of undeveloped land to protect the confluence of Canyon and Bowman Creeks and the pine-Oregon white oak habitat used by western gray squirrels (a state endangered species) and steppe habitat. The land is home to black tailed deer and wild turkeys, both of which are priority species for management in the Klickitat Wildlife Area. Canyon and Bowman Creeks provide a year-round water source for wildlife in an otherwise arid region and important habitat for both rainbow trout and residential coastal cutthroat trout. This and other nearby land are in imminent danger of development. Buying the land would create a continuous corridor of conserved land, preserving habitat connectivity, improving state management by connecting the areas, and providing public access. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project.](#)

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1	49.27	24-1812 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Washougal Oaks Natural Area Restoration Phase Four	\$138,000	\$15,000	\$153,000
2	48.27	24-1560 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	South Sound Grassland and Oak Restoration Phase Three	\$493,770		\$493,770
3	47.91	24-1767 R	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Sand-Verbena Moth Habitat Restoration	\$229,880		\$229,880
4	47.64	24-1704 R	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Copalis Coastal Dune Restoration	\$265,000		\$265,000
5	47.45	24-1488 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Shrub Steppe Restoration at Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve	\$197,500		\$197,500
6	47.09	24-1783 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Forest Restoration on Klickitat Natural Areas	\$306,000		\$306,000
7	46.91	24-1862 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Barclay Crane Shrub Steppe Restoration Douglas County	\$484,154		\$484,154
7	46.91	24-1936 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Prairie and Oak Restoration at Violet Prairie	\$387,002		\$387,002
9	46.64	24-1558 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Western Kitsap Forest Restoration	\$114,260		\$114,260
10	46.45	24-1846 R	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Shrub Steppe Restoration at Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park	\$777,076		\$777,076
11	45.91	24-1764 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Cleveland Shrub Steppe Restoration	\$157,040		\$157,040
12	45.82	24-1462 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Cypress Island Strawberry Bay Restoration	\$515,158	\$61,000	\$576,158
12	45.82	24-1470 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Forest Habitat Restoration	\$328,250		\$328,250
14	44.91	24-1345 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Sinlahekin Riparian Restoration Phase one	\$358,183		\$358,183
15	41.45	24-2015 R	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Methow Wildlife Area: Cougar Lake Restoration	\$427,000		\$427,000
16	40.73	24-1680 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Pincroft Natural Area Pine Restoration and Grassland Recovery	\$80,000		\$80,000
17	38.91	24-1638 R	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Lakebay Stream Restoration	\$300,632	\$50,950	\$351,582
Total					\$5,558,905	\$126,950	\$5,685,855

¹Project Type: R=Restoration

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Rank	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics	2. Need for Restoration or Enhancement	3. Project Design	4. Planning	5. Public Benefit and Support	Total
		Point Range	0-15	0-15	0-15	0-5	0-5	
1	24-1812 R	Washougal Oaks Natural Area Restoration Phase Four	13.55	13.82	13.36	4.27	4.27	49.27
2	24-1560 R	South Sound Grassland and Oak Restoration Phase Three	13.91	13.09	12.55	4.27	4.45	48.27
3	24-1767 R	Sand-Verbena Moth Habitat Restoration	13.73	13.36	12.55	4.36	3.91	47.91
4	24-1704 R	Copalis Coastal Dune Restoration	13.55	12.64	13.00	4.27	4.18	47.64
5	24-1488 R	Shrub Steppe Restoration at Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve	13.36	13.82	12.18	4.36	3.73	47.45
6	24-1783 R	Forest Restoration on Klickitat Natural Areas	13.09	12.91	12.73	4.64	3.73	47.09
7	24-1862 R	Barclay Crane Shrub Steppe Restoration Douglas County	13.36	13.36	12.36	4.00	3.82	46.91
7	24-1936 R	Prairie and Oak Restoration at Violet Prairie	13.36	13.09	12.27	4.27	3.91	46.91
9	24-1558 R	Western Kitsap Forest Restoration	13.55	12.82	12.18	4.18	3.91	46.64
10	24-1846 R	Shrub Steppe Restoration at Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park	13.09	12.91	12.18	4.00	4.27	46.45
11	24-1764 R	Cleveland Shrub Steppe Restoration	12.73	12.55	12.27	4.18	4.18	45.91
12	24-1462 R	Cypress Island Strawberry Bay Restoration	12.91	13.09	11.73	4.27	3.82	45.82
12	24-1470 R	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area Forest Habitat Restoration	13.09	12.91	11.73	4.00	4.09	45.82
14	24-1345 R	Sinlahekin Riparian Restoration Phase One	13.36	13.27	11.00	4.36	2.91	44.91
15	24-2015 R	Methow Wildlife Area: Cougar Lake Restoration	11.73	11.55	11.27	3.45	3.45	41.45
16	24-1680 R	Pinecroft Natural Area Pine Restoration and Grassland Recovery	11.73	11.27	11.00	3.64	3.09	40.73
17	24-1638 R	Lakebay Stream Restoration	9.91	10.91	10.55	3.64	3.91	38.91

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Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring Washougal Oaks

Grant Request: \$138,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore forty-five acres in the Washougal Oaks Natural Area, in southeastern Clark County, three miles east of Washougal. This preserve was created to protect the largest, high-quality oak woodland remaining in western Washington, as well as habitat for several rare plant and animal species. It provides habitat for the rare small-flowered trillium, tall bugbane, slender-billed nuthatch, and Larch Mountain salamander. The department will restore newly acquired lands to oak forest and savannah with a native shrub layer, that were previously cleared for agriculture. Native forb and shrub communities that were displaced by Himalayan blackberry and English ivy will be restored using site-collected native seed and cuttings. Local school groups will continue to partner for planting and weed control efforts. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1812)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Continuing Restoration of South Sound Grassland and Oak Conservation Areas

Grant Request: \$493,770

The Department of Natural Resources and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore more than thirteen hundred acres of outwash prairie, grassland bald, oak woodland, and wetland habitat at five of the most significant conservation sites in the south Puget Sound region: Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve, West Rocky Prairie Wildlife Area, Rocky Prairie Natural Area Preserve, and Bald Hill Natural Area Preserve. The departments will get native seeds and transplants, prepare restoration areas for seeding through prescribed burning, mowing, and controlling invasive plants, and then seed and replant. The departments will control invasive plants, remove encroaching trees, and seed and replant three oak woodlands, including a recent land addition at Mima Mounds. In addition, they will control reed canary grass and encroaching willows in wetlands used by the Oregon spotted frog in the West Rocky Prairie Wildlife Area. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1560)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Restoring Sand-verbena Moth Habitat

Grant Request: \$229,880

State Parks will use this grant to expand habitat restoration for the sand-verbena moth, a critically imperiled species known to be in fewer than eleven locations in North America (five in Canada and six in the United States). Two of the known populations are in Fort Worden State Park and Deception Pass State Park. The sand-verbena moth only lives in open sand dune habitats where it relies on dense, flowering patches of yellow sand-verbena for the entirety of its

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life cycle. In this second-phase project, State Parks will continue to restore this critical habitat in the two state parks and build trails near the restoration areas so visitors may observe rare native species and communities but not damage the critical habitat areas. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1767)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Request: \$265,000** **Restoring Copalis Coastal Dune**

State Parks will use this grant to restore coastal dune habitat at the mouth of the Copalis River in Grays Harbor County. Restoration will support several state and federally listed species including western snowy plover, streaked-horned lark, Siuslaw hairy-necked tiger beetle, pink sand-verbena, bear's foot sanicle, and others. Coastal dunes have been transformed by two exotic species of beach grass. The grasses can change the beach profile, displace native plants, and stabilize the dunes, which then can change quickly into forest. State Parks will control the beach grass and restore a shifting mosaic of habitat resilient to sea level rise and other environmental change. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1704)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Request: \$197,500** **Restoring Shrub Steppe in the Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore shrub-steppe habitat in the Upper Dry Gulch Natural Area Preserve. The restoration will provide a healthy environment for a population of Whited's milkvetch, which the State has declared endangered. This rare, locally endemic plant would be protected from the threats of encroaching invasive weeds and the restoration would allow for expansion and movement of the plant in response to changing climatic conditions. Restoring this northernmost end of a string of protected shrub-steppe will help ensure the health of other wildlife, especially those dependent on sage-steppe for survival. The department will build wildlife-friendly fencing, control invasive weeds, and plant shrub and other plant species. Agricultural use and two recent wildfires have led to the introduction and spread of invasive weeds, lack of shrub density, low species richness, and degradation of stream channels. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1488)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Request: \$306,000** **Restoring Klickitat County Forests**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 360 acres of forest at three sites in Klickitat County—Klickitat Canyon Natural Resource Conservation Area, White Salmon Oaks Natural Resource Conservation Area, and Monte Cristo Natural Area Preserve. The department will remove unnatural accumulations of fuel (trees and brush), remove invasive

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species, and plant native grasses and forbs. The sites include mixed coniferous forest, oak-conifer forest, and grand fir forest types that support sandhill crane, western gray squirrel, northern spotted owl, and several plant species at risk of extinction. This project is intended to simultaneously enhance and restore habitat for the various species and improve ecological system function and resiliency to wildfire. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1783)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Barclay Crane Shrub-Steppe

Grant Request: \$484,154

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore about 530 acres of abandoned agricultural fields, known as the Barclay Crane property, to a diverse shrub-steppe community of native grasses, forbs, and shrubs. The land is in Douglas County in the Wells Wildlife Area near Brewster. The restoration will benefit shrub-steppe species, including the Columbian sharp-tailed grouse; and species of hunting value including deer, game birds, and waterfowl. The restoration will link with other restoration sites across the Dyer Hill plateau, connecting sharp-tailed grouse lek and nesting grounds with critical wintering habitat. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1862)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring Prairie and Oak Restoration at Violet Prairie

Grant Request: \$387,002

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 573 acres of glacial outwash prairie and oak woodland habitat in the Violet Prairie Unit of Scatter Creek Wildlife Area. This area contains a prairie-oak woodland-wetland complex that includes federally designated critical habitat for Taylor's checkerspot butterfly and Yelm pocket gopher, and supports habitat for a variety of Endangered Species Act-listed or candidate species and State Species of Greatest Conservation Need. The department will apply herbicide, do a prescribed burn, seed and plant native plants, perform mechanical vegetation treatments, and take periodic habitat assessments to ensure that the efforts are meeting management goals. The work is aimed at increasing native grass and forbs and enhancing oak tree starts. This project will contribute to a regional effort to restore south Puget Sound prairies by increasing habitat size, quality, and connectivity and supporting the recovery of the species that depend on these habitats. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1936)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring State Land in the Western Kitsap Forest

Grant Request: \$114,260

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the structure and composition of lowland forest communities on state-owned lands on the western Kitsap

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peninsula. The lands are owned by the department and the Department of Fish and Wildlife and include parts of the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and the Big Beef Creek Unit of the North Olympic Wildlife Area. The department will thin young, artificially regenerated forest stands, plant under-represented tree and shrub species, and control invasive plants that threaten both the restoration areas and adjacent forest communities. These efforts will allow for more natural development of forest conditions and accelerate development of important habitat features such as large trees, snags, and downed wood. They also will enhance the diversity of these forest communities and improve the quality of habitat for wildlife. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1558)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Request: \$777,076** **Restoring Shrub-Steppe in Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to restore native plant communities on about two thousand acres in the Ginkgo Petrified Forest State Park. The 7,124-acre park in Kittitas County supports numerous rare plant and wildlife species. Most of the park's shrub-steppe habitat consists of low-growing stiff sagebrush, big sagebrush, and bunchgrasses such as Sandberg's bluegrass, bluebunch wheatgrass, and needle-and-thread. Several species endemic to sage-steppe habitat are present, including one state endangered bird, seven state candidate wildlife species, and seven additional wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need. One state endangered plant and one state threatened plant are known to be in the park. State Parks will remove nonnative species and then seed and plant native shrubs, grasses, and forbs. Existing trails in the park will give the public with an opportunity to observe rare native species and habitats. This project will restore areas impacted by grazing and wildfires. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1846)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Request: \$157,040** **Restoring Cleveland Shrub Steppe Natural Area Preserve**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to repair damage in the Cleveland Shrub Steppe Natural Area Preserve caused by construction of an unauthorized fire line. The department also will restore natural vegetation in lands historically enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and control invasive species. The department will remove a berm that runs for three-quarters of mile that was built to stop a wildfire, then seed the area with native species, and control weeds. On about eighty acres formerly in the Conservation Reserve Program, the department will collect, grow, and plant native species. The department will control invasive species throughout the 640-acre site, focusing on areas bordering the fire line and in the early stages of invasion. This work will result in the restoration of this shrub-steppe to a more natural state and will support habitat for the two state threatened species onsite. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1764)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Request: \$515,158

Beginning Restoration of Cypress Island's Strawberry Bay

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to begin restoring Strawberry Bay on Cypress Island, in Skagit County. The department will remove structures and a pool, remove or treat invasive species, and replant the area with native species. The work will be done along the shoreline and next to a significant tidal fringe wetland that sits between a beach berm and uplands. The work will improve shoreline, wetland, and upland habitat. Priority animals supported by the work are numerous and include harlequin duck, snow goose, bufflehead, blacktail deer, lingcod, Pacific sand lance, surf smelt, and chum and pink salmon. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1462)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

Grant Request: \$328,250

Restoring the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore 130 acres of forest and shoreline in the one-thousand-acre Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, north of Olympia. The restoration work will include removing invasive plants and replanting with native species. Situated in the Henderson Inlet watershed, the conservation area protects shorelines, estuaries, freshwater wetlands and streams, a small lake, and habitat for wildlife, including bats, migratory waterfowl, and neotropical migratory birds. The work will contribute to the overall management and ecological resiliency of the conservation area, improving water quality in North Lake and restoring forested shoreline along Henderson Inlet. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1470)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Grant Request: \$358,183

Restoring the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to complete phase one restoration of about thirty-four acres and one mile of stream in six prioritized areas in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area in Okanogan County. The areas are degraded due to floods, incised channels, wildfires, and invasive plants. Restoration is necessary to support habitat for at least forty Species of Greatest Conservation Need, sixty priority habitat and species, and three major biological corridors. Priority species include western gray squirrels, bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk, wolves, grizzly bear, cougar, Canada lynx, wolverines, Columbian sharptailed grouse, monarch butterflies, Chinook and sockeye salmon, and steelhead trout. To improve the areas, the department will install structures that mimic beaver dams, implement prescribed burns, control invasive plants, and plant native grasses, forbs, and shrubs to promote habitat diversity and suppress weeds. Lastly, the department will improve the fencing to protect wetlands and new plants. This project is part of an ongoing effort by multiple public agencies and nonprofits to restore large-scale,

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fire-dependent forest, shrub-steppe, shoreline, and migratory systems in the Okanogan River watershed. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1345)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Restoring the Methow Wildlife Area's Cougar Lake

Grant Request: \$427,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore Cougar Creek and water control structures at Cougar Lake that were heavily damaged by landslides after the 2014 Carlton Complex Fire. Cougar Creek is a tributary of the Methow River near Winthrop. Multiple culverts (pipes or other structures that carry streams under roads) upstream in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest failed, resulting in water and sediment rushing downstream and destroying the historic Cougar Creek diversion and Cougar Lake dam. The department will develop engineered plans and carrying out work to restore Cougar Creek to a natural functioning stream channel, repair the Cougar Creek diversion, and remove sediment and repair the dam. The creek is used by Endangered Species Act-listed steelhead and bull trout. The work will restore a historic recreational fishing site that was build more than eighty-five years ago. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-2015)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring the Pineroft Natural Area Preserve

Grant Request: \$80,000

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore parts of the ponderosa pine forest communities and other adjacent bunchgrass-shrub communities in the Pineroft Natural Area Preserve, near Spokane. The preserve is the largest remaining ponderosa pine-grassland ecological system that once was prevalent throughout the Spokane Valley. The department will thin high-density stands of young trees and control invasive plants. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1680)

Washington Department of Natural Resources Restoring a Lakebay Marina Stream

Grant Request: \$300,632

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the banks of an unnamed freshwater creek that flows into Mayo Cove on Lakebay Marina property. The department will remove a concrete block wall, demolish a garage, grade the banks, and add sand and plants to the beach. This restoration will help protect and restore habitat and water quality in Mayo Cove, a pocket estuary with kelp and eelgrass that support the rearing of important fish species. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1638)

Preliminary Ranking

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Rank	Score	Project Number and Type ¹	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Applicant Match	Total
1	98.75	24-1779 A	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Riverside State Park Glen Tana Acquisition B	\$4,512,450	\$2,000,000	\$6,512,450
2	98.55	24-1554 A	Washington Department of Natural Resources	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area	\$3,637,824		\$3,637,824
3	97.17	24-1678 A	Great Peninsula Conservancy	Green Mountain Protection	\$2,988,500	\$2,988,500	\$5,977,000
4	90.83	24-1978 A	Bainbridge Island Land Trust	Little Manzanita Four	\$1,500,000	\$1,638,510	\$3,138,510
5	87.33	24-1868 A	Peninsula Metropolitan Park District	Trail Property Acquisition	\$858,125	\$858,125	\$1,716,250
6	82.58	24-1909 A	Pierce County	Pacific Lutheran University Prairie Protection Site	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000
7	81.25	24-1777 A	Kitsap County	Illahee Preserve Phase Three Heart of the Park	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000
8	76.64	24-1340 A	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	West Wiser Lake	\$1,800,000		\$1,800,000
Total					\$17,996,899	\$10,185,135	\$28,182,034

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

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Rank	Project Number and Type ¹	Project Name	1. Ecological and Biological Characteristics	2. Planning and Community Support	3. Community Benefits and Public Access	4. Management and Stewardship	5. Growth Management Act	6. Population of Urban Area	7. Proximity to Urban Area	Total
Point Range			0-40	0-15	0-35	0-15	-1-0	0-5	0-5	
1	24-1779 A	Riverside State Park Glen Tana Acquisition B	32.92	13.75	28.75	13.33	0.00	5.00	5.00	98.75
2	24-1554 A	Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area	35.00	13.45	27.91	13.18	0.00	4.00	5.00	98.55
3	24-1678 A	Green Mountain Protection	32.75	12.33	30.00	13.08	0.00	4.00	5.00	97.17
4	24-1978 A	Little Manzanita Four	31.25	12.42	26.58	11.58	0.00	4.00	5.00	90.83
5	24-1868 A	Trail Property Acquisition	26.67	12.17	26.67	11.83	0.00	5.00	5.00	87.33
6	24-1909 A	Pacific Lutheran University Prairie Protection Site	24.08	12.00	26.92	9.58	0.00	5.00	5.00	82.58
7	24-1777 A	Illahee Preserve Phase Three Heart of the Park	24.08	12.08	25.08	11.00	0.00	4.00	5.00	81.25
8	24-1340 A	West Wiser Lake	26.18	9.91	22.55	10.00	0.00	3.00	5.00	76.64

¹Project Type: A=Acquisition

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **Grant Request: \$4,512,450** **Expanding Riverside State Park**

State Parks will use this grant to expand the Little Spokane River Natural Area and Riverside State Park by buying more than six hundred acres of the former Glen Tana property and connecting it to neighboring preserved conversation and recreation lands. Situated just outside the urban growth boundary for Spokane County, the Glen Tana land contains upland and shoreline habitat and species, and provides opportunities for recreation in a high-demand area. Once completed, Glen Tana will help extend a contiguous wildlife and recreation corridor along the western edge of Spokane. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1779)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **Grant Request: \$3,637,824** **Expanding the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 391 acres of undeveloped wetlands, shoreline, and mature forest habitats in the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area, near Olympia. The conservation area is on the National Register of Historic Places as a rural historic landscape for its rich human history involving tribes and early settlers to southern Puget Sound, as well as the logging and shellfish industries. It is visited frequently by students and protects a regionally significant haven for wildlife, hosting shorebirds and songbirds, harbor seals, river otters, bald eagles, a heron rookery, a colony of double-crested cormorants, native Olympia oysters, and one of the largest maternity bat colonies in the state. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1554)

Great Peninsula Conservancy **Grant Request: \$2,988,500** **Conserving Green Mountain**

The Great Peninsula Conservancy will use this grant to buy 350 acres of undeveloped land near Bremerton. The land includes mature and diverse forests, wetlands, streams, and Dickerson Creek, a major tributary of Chico Creek. The Chico Creek system has the highest natural production of chum and coho salmon, as well as significant steelhead trout and cutthroat trout runs, on the Kitsap Peninsula. The land also features a trail system for non-motorized uses. The purchase will preserve a crucial link in a contiguous 70,000-acre forest, providing wildlife corridors, important fish spawning and rearing habitat, as well as public access for recreation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1678)

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Bainbridge Island Land Trust Conserving Land Near Little Manzanita Bay

Grant Request: \$1,500,000

The Bainbridge Island Land Trust will use this grant to buy at least 34 acres to complete 160 acres of conserved habitat extending from Manzanita Park to the Little Manzanita Bay estuary. The land trust will emphasize protecting streams, wetlands, and a large forest to benefit a full suite of wildlife and provide public trails through forests. The area is used by coho and chum salmon, cutthroat trout, flying squirrels, and pileated woodpeckers. The nearly twenty-five-acre Manzanita Ridge property is one of a few large parcels of undeveloped land remaining on Bainbridge Island. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1978)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Conserving Land Near Gig Harbor

Grant Request: \$858,125

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy about thirty-nine acres near Gig Harbor in unincorporated Pierce County. Purchase of the land, known as the Trail property, will expand the amount of public land on the city's urban growth boundary, safeguarding one of the last sizable tracks of undeveloped land in the larger Gig Harbor region and critical refuge for wildlife in this increasingly urbanized area. The land contains a diverse and mature forest, stream and wetland habitat used by salmon and trout, and habitat for bear, river otter, deer, coyote, racoon, and variety of migratory bird species. Conserving the land will increase the opportunities for hiking and nature viewing. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1868)

Pierce County Conserving Land Near Pacific Lutheran University

Grant Request: \$1,500,000

Pierce County will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for ten acres of remnant prairie habitat on the south campus of Pacific Lutheran University, in Parkland. The land contains soils that support Puget Sound prairie habitat, which is a priority habitat and important to many state and federal threatened and endangered species. Additionally, the land provides a respite green space in a highly urbanized area, supports educational opportunities for the university and local schools, and continues to support tribal activities, teaching, and learning opportunities. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1909)

Kitsap County Buying Land in the Illahee Preserve Heritage Park

Grant Request: \$1,200,000

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to begin buying up to thirteen properties in the center of the Illahee Preserve Heritage Park. During the past twenty

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years, the County has grown the preserve to more than six hundred acres, with the thirteen properties being the last large privately owned area. Though the properties are small and somewhat degraded as manufactured home rental sites, their collective location in the middle of the preserve makes them the final major acquisition target. They not only distract from the natural features of the preserve but also impede meaningful wildlife movement because of the roads and traffic to access them. Purchases will be made as they become available from willing sellers. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1777)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Conserving West Wiser Lake

Grant Request: \$1,800,000

The Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 117 acres, known as the West Wiser Lake property, southwest of Lynden in Whatcom County. The land contains a creek, wetlands, and agricultural fields. The landowners have allowed the public to hunt waterfowl there. The purchase would secure waterfowl hunting opportunity into the future and provide increased opportunity for wildlife viewing. In addition, the department plans to restore the wetland and creek habitats that are degraded by invasive weeds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (24-1340)