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Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board Special Meeting and Celebration

Celebrating the Successful Acquisition of Approximately 5,000 Acres of Open Space

EVERETT, Wash., August 8, 2016—The Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board announces the successful acquisition of approximately 5,000 acres of open space for public use and enjoyment. **A celebration will be held on August 11, 2016 from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building East on the Snohomish County Campus in Public Meeting Rooms 1 and 2.**

1. Conservation Futures Program Start

- a. Washington State created a Conservation Futures Program by Senate Bill No. 185 in 1971 which authorized purchases by counties, cities, towns or metropolitan municipal corporations to purchase development rights termed “conservation futures” and certain other rights and interests in real property and provided a method of taxation by counties to finance such purchases.
- b. Snohomish County created a Conservation Futures Program on November 23rd 1988 by Ordinance No. 88-097. The Ordinance authorized Snohomish County to levy taxes authorized by RCW 84.34.230 to provide a reliable and predictable funding source to help acquire interests in open space, wetlands, farm and agricultural land, and timber land in in both the unincorporated an incorporated portions of Snohomish County.

2. **Historic Acquisitions** - Between 1988 and 2010, the Conservation Futures Program has contributed over fifty million (\$50,000,000) dollars in funding to assist in acquiring approximately 5,000 acres of open space.
3. On March 20, 2013, the Snohomish County Council approved Ordinance No. 13-018 which provided twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) of bond proceeds to the Conservation Futures program, for funding eligible projects.
4. In addition, between 2011 and 2016 a number of non-bond projects were funded through the Conservation Futures program. In total over six million dollars (\$6,000,000) was expended on

funding eligible projects. This brings the total of bonded and non-bonded projects to over \$31 million between 2011 and 2016.

5. The current celebration includes projects from 2011 to present, which includes bond funded projects and non-bond funded projects. In total sixteen (16) projects were acquired by cities, three (3) projects by non-profits, and twenty (20) projects by the County.

6. The list below includes completed projects from 2011 to 2016:

Sponsor	Project	Acquisition Type	Conservation Futures Contribution	Acres
City of Brier	Brier Nature Park	Fee Simple	\$553,355	5.17
City of Bothell	Boy Scout Property	Fee Simple	\$200,000	31.45
City of Edmonds	Civic Field	Fee Simple	\$500,000	6.02
City of Everett	Deckman Property	Fee Simple	\$347,268	1.78
City of Granite Falls	Lake Gardner Park Addition	Fee Simple	\$24,918	23
City of Lynnwood	Seabrook Property Acquisition	Fee Simple	\$5,000,000	13.02
City of Marysville	Crane Property Acquisition (Qwuloolt Trail Project)	Fee Simple	\$240,000	10.13
City of Mountlake Terrace	Terrace Creek Park Addition	Fee Simple	\$280,921	3.02
City of Mukilteo & Forterra	Japanese Gulch	Fee Simple	\$3,297,500	116.41
City of Snohomish	Stocker Farm Property Acquisition	Fee Simple	\$500,000	23.39
City of Stanwood	Ovenell Port Susan Bay Estuary Habitat	Fee Simple	\$1,289,215	62.78
City of Stanwood	Stillaguamish River - Tidal Estuary Access	Fee Simple	\$156,000	2.01
City of Sultan	Sultan River Nature Trails	Fee Simple & Lease	\$324,600	3.36
Forterra	Lower Wallace River	Fee Simple	\$279,031	238.14
Forterra	Riverbend Farm	Fee Simple	\$100,000	130

Forterra	Whitehorse Stilly (Pending)	Fee Simple	\$250,000	33
Forterra/Snohomish County	Port Susan Farms, LLC.	Easement	\$904,948	194.31
PCC Farmland Trust	Bailey Farm	Easement	\$582,000	287.45
Snohomish County	PDR - Cabe Farm	Easement	\$181,000	33.29
Snohomish County	PDR - People's Ranch	Easement	\$33,620	321.26
Snohomish County	PDR - Willie Green's Organic Farm	Easement	\$341,000	42.38
Snohomish County	Eastside Rail	Fee Simple	\$3,508,000	170.36
Snohomish County	Esperance School Acquisition - SW County UGA	Fee Simple	\$823,950	3.35
Snohomish County	Flowing Lake Park	Fee Simple	\$1,630,910	156.63
Snohomish County	Heybrook Ridge - Multiple Parcels	Fee Simple	\$299,000	9.13
Snohomish County	Hooven Bog (Bear Creek Headwaters) Acquisition & Restoration	Fee Simple	\$1,650,000	60.92
Snohomish County	Hwy 530 Memorial	Fee Simple	\$131,832	13.37
Snohomish County	Lake Stickney Addition	Fee Simple	\$1,304,950	2.47
Snohomish County	Meadowdale Park Access Acquisition	Fee Simple	\$508,285	1.43
Snohomish County	O'Reilly Acres	Fee Simple	\$612,275	117.99
Snohomish County	Steelhead County Park	Fee Simple	\$170,378	23.55
Snohomish County	Storm Lake Waterfront	Fee Simple	\$1,250,000	163.89
Snohomish County	West Lake Roesiger	Easement	\$933,692	202.03
Snohomish County	West Lake Roesiger	Fee Simple	\$439,913	43.49
Snohomish County	Whitehorse Trail Fortson Mill Acquisition - Dashiell	Fee Simple	\$264,614	16.15

Snohomish County	Whitehorse Trailhead	Fee Simple	\$352,328	3.53
Town of Darrington	Dashiell Land Purchase	Fee Simple	\$149,500	0.83
Town of Darrington	Evans Land Acquisition Phase 2	Fee Simple	\$81,347	5.2
Town of Woodway	Deer Creek Park	Fee Simple	\$1,630,000	4.38
		TOTALS	\$31,126,350	2,580.07

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