

# Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

## Making Washington a Great Place to Live

More than 25 years ago, the Legislature recognized the needs to conserve Washington's rich natural beauty for both its wildlife and people and to accommodate a rapidly growing population. To meet these needs, the Legislature created the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) to acquire valuable recreation and habitat lands before they were lost to development. Most lands acquired or developed through the WWRP are protected forever for the public's benefit and long-term enjoyment.

Today, the WWRP is the state's largest grant program for developing local and state parks and trails, conserving wildlife habitat, and preserving farms. It is unique in the nation for its variety of funding categories, matching grants, and merit-based evaluation process.

### Supporting Washington's Economy



**\$21.6 billion spent** in Washington on recreation trips and equipment annually

### Providing Outdoor Recreation Opportunities Creates Jobs



**199,000 jobs** both direct and indirect supported by outdoor recreation

### Getting Kids Outside All Across Washington



**1,250 projects funded** statewide, in nearly every county.

### Nearly Doubling the State's Investment



**\$510 million contributed** in local and federal funds by grant recipients as match to state funding, nearly doubling the state's investment in outdoor recreation and conservation.

# Helping Build Communities

To accomplish the goals of the WWRP, 11 different categories of grants are offered by the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. On average, the board has awarded \$56 million in grants every other year for more than 25 years.



## Parks

Grants to buy land and develop local and state parks. On average, state and local parks each receive 12 percent of the funding, or \$6.5 million, every 2 years.\* At least 50 percent of the funding must be used to buy land.



## Trails

Grants to buy land, and develop and renovate trails or trail facilities. On average, the trails category has received 8 percent of the funding, or \$4.3 million, every 2 years.\*



## Water Access

Grants to buy land and develop or renovate places that provide access to the water. On average, this category has received 6 percent of the funding, or \$3.2 million, every 2 years.\* At least 75 percent of the funding must be used to buy land.



## Wildlife Habitat

Grants to buy land and develop or restore habitat for wildlife. On average, the four categories (critical habitat, natural areas, riparian protection, and urban wildlife habitat) have received 18, 12, 10, and 8 percent of the funding, respectively.\*



## State Lands Development and Restoration

Grants to the state agencies to develop, renovate, and restore state-owned recreation and habitat lands. On average, the two categories (restoration and enhancement and development and renovation) each have received 2 percent of the funding, or \$2.1 million, every 2 years.\*



## Working Farms and Ranches

Grants to keep farms and ranches. On average, the farmland preservation category has received 8 percent of the funding, or \$4.4 million, every 2 years.\*

*\*The funding formula is set in state law. Each category receives a percentage of the funding amount approved by the Legislature. This number is figured using the average biennially funding amount of \$56 million.*