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Asotin County \$3,700,000

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$3,700,000
Protecting Asotin County Wildlife Lands

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 3,550 acres in southern Asotin County, including portions of the Wenatchee Creek and Cottonwood Creek drainages and tributaries and shorelines of the Grande Ronde River. The purchase will protect miles of creek and river shorelines, cliff and talus habitats, riparian, meadows, springs, curleaf mahogany, interior grassland, and ponderosa pine habitats. A diverse suite of species will benefit from this acquisition, including steelhead, bull trout, elk, bighorn sheep, deer, wolves, and golden eagles. (08-1501)

Benton County \$4,421,938

Kennewick \$500,000
Completing Southridge Sports Fields Park

The Kennewick Recreation and Community Services Department will use this grant to complete initial development of an 11.7-acre neighborhood park in southwest Kennewick. The park is adjacent to a tournament sports complex being developed. The city will build a restroom, playground, soccer field, half basketball court, paths, and gravel parking lot, as well as install picnic tables, benches, garbage cans, and signs. The city will contribute \$500,000. (08-1759)

Kennewick \$500,000
Developing Columbia Park's Off-Leash Dog Park

The Kennewick Recreation and Community Services Department will use this grant to develop 6.5 acres of a 10-acre, off-leash, dog park within Columbia Park. The Tri-Cities currently have no off leash dog parks. The city will establish four paddocks for off-leash use; two, .75-acre areas for small dogs; one, 2-acre area for classes; and a 3.28-acre area for all dog use, leaving 3.48 acres for future development. The city also will install garbage cans, dog waste bag dispensers, benches, drinking fountains, picnic tables, dog play items, utilities, irrigation, trees, grass, parking, and accessible paths. Landscape islands will be constructed, narrowing the road to one lane and a bike lane to provide a buffer for the path and parking areas along the dog park. The city will contribute \$500,000 in cash and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. (08-1714)

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Kennewick **\$500,000**

Developing Hansen Park

The Kennewick Recreation and Community Services Department project will use this grant to improve a 25-acre neighborhood park. The city will build two picnic shelters, a youth baseball-softball field, a soccer field, three adult basketball courts, a youth basketball court, and a 2-mile paved trail. The city also will install picnic tables, benches, garbage cans, signs, and trees. The existing park provides open space for general play for this neighborhood of 10,500 people but does not provide all the athletic ball fields and courts. The city will contribute \$500,000. (08-1685)

Prosser **\$500,000**

Renovating an Outdoor Swimming Pool

Prosser will use this grant to renovate the 50-year-old bathhouse and outdoor swimming pool in E.J. Miller Park. The renovation will provide access for people with disabilities, increase pool use, and correct health code violations. To increase use, a new furnace will be installed and a shallow water pool for teaching aqua aerobics and other classes will be created by building a bulkhead at one end of the pool. The bulkhead will allow the larger area of the pool to be used for swim meets. The city also will add a play pool with toys for children, a water slide, and new decks, as well as upgrade the bathhouse. Finally, to meet health codes, the city will replace its chemical and circulation systems. The city will contribute \$541,380 in cash, council bonds, equipment, labor, and donated labor. (08-1603)

Richland **\$177,893**

Building Badger Mountain Park's Water Spray Area

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a water spray park in Badger Mountain Park to provide the only public access to water for the 15,000 nearby residences. Crews will build a concrete walkway to make the park accessible to people with disabilities. Badger Mountain Park has 80 acres, 20 of which have been developed as a youth sports complex. The closest water access is a wading pool and a 25-yard swimming pool, both about 5 miles away. The city will contribute \$177,893. (08-1425)

Richland **\$497,600**

Improving Claybell Park

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop 9 acres next to the 11-acre Claybell Park. The city will build two large sports fields, which generally will be used for soccer and lacrosse, renovate a ball field to provide a

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combined softball-baseball field, construct a half mile of trails, build a new restroom and a parking lot, and install an educational kiosk. The city expanded Claybell Park to 50 acres last year to accommodate a 20 percent increase in population in the past ten years in south Richland. The city will contribute \$497,600 in cash and materials. (08-1430)

Richland

\$446,445

Improving the Shelterbelt Linear Park Trail

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to rebuild 1 mile of trail from Swift Street to Van Giesen Street and build 1.4 miles of a new 10- or 12-foot-wide paved trail from Van Giesen Street to Stevens Drive. Crews also will install a fence along the new trail section, remove some trees and plant new ones, and landscape the Swift intersection. The Shelterbelt Linear Park is a 2.5-mile linear park bordering the westerly portion of Richland, serving as a park and trail system for nearby neighborhoods. Currently the trail stops at Van Giesen Street, where bicyclist are forced along the shoulder of State Route 40, a six-lane state highway with speeds passing 55 miles per hour, or along city streets where they have to negotiate 18 different intersections, most of which don't have signals. The trail section being rebuilt was built in the mid-1990s and is hazardous because of tree roots pushing up through the asphalt. The city will contribute \$446,445. (08-1418)

Richland

\$1,300,000

Protecting the Lower Badger Mountain Ridgeline

The Richland Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 63.8 acres, the first of four properties, to protect the lower Badger Mountain ridgeline and create a Ridges to Rivers trail system. A few years ago, the Friends of Badger Mountain, a non-profit group, helped secure funding to buy 574 acres of Badger Mountain, which was the first step to protect the ridges and create the trail. Private development is quickly eating away at natural spaces and scenic ridge lines. This grant will buy land along the easterly portion of lower Badger Mountain that has been slated for development. The city will contribute \$1,300,000 in cash and cash donations. (08-1432)

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Chelan County..... \$6,690,319

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$315,811
Developing Access to the Wenatchee River at the Lower Monitor Site

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Lower Monitor boat launch site on the Wenatchee River. The department will widen the existing ramp road, expand the parking area slightly, install a new boat ramp and a toilet, and fence the west boundary to the river. These improvements will help meet increased demands for better access to the Wenatchee River at a time when demand by anglers and white-water rafters is increasing. Many access areas on the Wenatchee River have deteriorated over the years. The Lower Monitor Access Site is a small site with no improvements. (08-1475)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$284,358
Improving Colockum Wildlife Area Boat Launch

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a boat launch, gravel parking lot, and toilet on the edge of the Colockum Wildlife Area to provide access to the Columbia River. Access to this stretch of the river is scarce, with the nearest launch about 7 miles downstream and more than 20 miles upstream. The Colockum access is a primitive boat launch with a dirt and rock launch, grass and rock parking, and no facilities. Work will include widening the road approach, building a loading platform for people with disabilities, adding boat tie ups, and creating turnouts along the narrow access road. This is the only public launch on the west side of the river from Wenatchee to Vantage. The site is 20 minutes south of Wenatchee and is used year-round. (08-1489)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$4,800,000
Protecting Stemilt Basin

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 4,640 acres of land on the east slope of the Cascade Mountains to protect critical habitat for ponderosa pine dependent species, such as flammulated owl, white-headed woodpecker, and spotted owl. The land also contains mixed spruce and fir forests with northern goshawk and pileated woodpeckers; basalt cliffs; dense riparian areas with birds such as MacGillivray's Warbler; and Stemilt Creek with steelhead, which are threatened with extinction, and Chinook salmon, and rainbow and westslope cutthroat trout. The Stemilt Basin is popular for hiking, bird watching, fishing, hunting, camping,

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and snowmobiling. The Stemilt Partnership, which is made up of more than 20 organizations, supports this project. (08-1503)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$630,000**
Providing Access Below Dryden Dam

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 24.31 acres along the Wenatchee River, near the Dryden Dam, to allow boaters access to the river below the dam. The need for access to the river below the dam continues to grow with increasing demand for fishing and white-water rafting. Access sites are scarce on the Wenatchee River. Both Peshastin Creek and Wenatchee River, which provide important habitat for endangered upper Columbia River steelhead, spring Chinook, and threatened bull trout, as well as migratory birds, border the property. Buying this property will preserve it from future development. (08-1459)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$250,000**
Restoring Beebe Springs and the Columbia River

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to create habitat for fish in the Columbia River and restore the shrub-steppe landscape and riverbank plantings. This grant is the next step in a multi-phased project to preserve and restore riparian and shrub-steppe habitat at a 227-acre, former orchard surrounding the Chelan Hatchery. (08-1527)

Wenatchee **\$410,150**
Buying the Wenatchee Racquet and Tennis Club

Wenatchee will use this grant to buy the Wenatchee Racquet and Tennis Club in southwest Wenatchee. The 4.62-acre site has nine outdoor tennis courts, gravel parking, locker rooms, open space, and an outdoor swimming pool. Club owners approached developers to build condominiums, but neighbors objected and asked the city to preserve it as a park. The city's comprehensive plan indicated the need for eight additional tennis courts and a neighborhood park in this section of town. This acquisition would address these two needs. The city will contribute \$410,150. (08-1137)

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Clallam County.....\$8,357,747

Clallam County \$205,500

Buying Agnew Soccer Fields

Clallam County Parks, Fair and Facilities Division will use this grant to buy the 7.4-acre Agnew Soccer Fields, east of Port Angeles. The land has been leased to a local soccer club for many years but the owner intends to sell the property. The land hosts two soccer fields and a restroom. The county will partner with the soccer club to continue providing high quality fields for community use. The soccer club will continue maintenance of the site. The soccer fields are the only facility of this type between Port Angeles and Sequim. The county will contribute \$205,500. (08-1212)

Clallam County \$868,075

Protecting Finn Hall Farm

Clallam County will use this grant to buy the development rights on 50 acres of Finn Hall farm in the eastern part of the county. The farm, which currently raises cattle, has prime soils as certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has been farmed profitably by the same family for 80 years. The farm has a commanding view of the Olympic Mountains, making it attractive to developers. The owners are near retirement and will sell the land to a developer to finance their retirement years. Once an easement is placed on the property, it will be leased to nearby farmers. Preserving the farm will help protect an important wildlife corridor on the Olympic Peninsula and beach habitat along the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The county will contribute \$1 million in donations of cash and property interest, and a federal grant. (08-1288)

Clallam County \$999,000

Restoring the Spruce Railroad Trail Tunnel

The Clallam County Public Works Department will use this grant to restore two historic tunnels at Lake Crescent and 9 miles of the historic railroad grade to the tunnels on the north side of the lake to provide a safe route for users of the Olympic Discovery Trail. The Olympic Discovery Trail will connect all the communities of the north Olympic Peninsula from Port Townsend to the Pacific Ocean. The tunnel restoration will remove the last major impediment to bicyclists on the north side of Lake Crescent, allowing them to bypass the narrow, traffic-congested U.S. Route 101 on the south side of the lake. Work will involve constructing tunnel liners to prevent interior rocks from falling and reconstructing almost 3 miles of the railroad grade for tunnel access. Wheelchair users will gain access to 9 miles of trail. Clallam County is partnering with Olympic National

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Park and the Peninsula Trails Coalition on this project. The county will contribute \$1,230,000 in federal funding, cash, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. This was the top ranked project of 36 competing for funding in the trails category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1075)

Port Angeles \$379,670

Building a Bridge and Improving the Olympic Discovery Trail

Port Angeles will use this grant to design and build a pedestrian bridge over Dry Creek, and improve 1.8 miles of the Olympic Discovery Trail. Work will include adding parking at one trail head, midway along the trail section. The Olympic Discovery Trail eventually will extend from Port Townsend to the Pacific Ocean. Most of the trail is in place through Port Angeles, except for a route to the Elwha River, about 2 miles west Port Angeles. The bridge over Dry Creek will make it easier to reach the river. Trail users currently travel a maze of narrow, two-lane roads through an industrial area to get to the other side of Dry Creek. The city also will upgrade the trail between 10th Street and Lower Elwha Road to make it accessible to people with disabilities. Partners include the Peninsula Trails Coalition and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. The city will contribute \$379,746 in cash and donations of cash and labor. (08-1314)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$313,900

Developing a Parking Lot at the Shillapoo North Unit

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to build a parking lot at the north unit of the Shillapoo Wildlife Area. The site is currently undeveloped. The department will clear, grade, and gravel a 20-slot parking area. The department also will pave two stalls and a short trail and build a blind for use by people with disabilities. Finally, the department will create a pond. The wildlife area is near Vancouver and receives heavy use from birders, hikers, waterfowl hunters, and other users. Visitors currently struggle to park along roads with limited shoulders, creating safety concerns. (08-1486)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$2,696,904

Protecting the Lyre River Corridor

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 279 acres of the Lyre River to protect it from development. This is the first phase of a long-term project to protect habitat connectivity along the river from the old growth forests in the Olympic National Park near Lake Crescent to the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The Lyre River drainage runs mostly through public lands with the main concentrations of private lands at the lower reaches of the river. Work will include buying and enhancing important

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habitat in the river corridor, developing a long-term management plan to preserve and enhance department-managed lands, and providing public access to this unique coastline. (08-1515)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$1,064,300**
Protecting the Sol Duc River Riparian Areas

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy a conservation easement on 118 acres in the Sol Duc River Valley. This is the first phase of a long-term plan to protect riparian habitat in the valley. The department has targeted 13 miles of the valley for protection. Salmon and steelhead spawning grounds along this property are among the most significant producers of fish in the Sol Duc system. (08-1519)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$644,516**
Expanding Hoko River State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 80 acres to expand Hoko River State Park, which is an undeveloped collection of 1,011 acres in the western part of the county. The park contains significant natural, cultural, and historic resources and is south of the Hoko River estuary already owned by the agency. The property is connected to other protected parcels and contains a half mile of Hoko River shoreline and habitat for elk, fish, waterfowl, and bald eagles. (08-1232)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$1,185,882**
Installing a Pedestrian Bridge in Sequim Bay State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to design and install a 250-foot-long pedestrian bridge over a ravine in Sequim Bay State Park. The bridge will complete a missing link in the Olympic Discovery Trail between Sequim and the tribal community of Blyn, and make this 4-mile trail segment fully accessible to people with disabilities. Completion of this bridge and the trail through the park will enhance day use of the park because it's an easy, 20-minute ride from downtown Sequim and other locations in the Sequim-Dungeness Valley. Work includes paving about 400 feet of trail, installing fences and signs, and restoring the temporary alignment through the park. State Parks will contribute \$20,000 in donated labor. (08-1223)

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Clark County.....\$13,365,174

Camas \$1,000,000
Buying Fallen Leaf Lake Park

Camas will use this grant to buy 55 acres of shoreline, forest, and wetlands on the 20-acre Fallen Leaf Lake at the north edge of the city. The land borders 45 acres of forested hillside that are preserved by the Columbia Land Trust. Historically, this site served as a private park and includes a large picnic shelter and tables. Fallen Leaf Lake is part of an interconnected system of three lakes, known as the Lacamas Corridor, that includes Round and Lacamas Lakes. Camas and other partners already have helped preserve more than 800 acres within the corridor, and Fallen Leaf Lake is the last major acquisition to complete the community's vision for a linked system of waterfront parks and habitat. The park provides opportunities for hiking, picnicking, wildlife watching, fishing, swimming, and other light-impact activities. The city will contribute \$1,067,800 in cash and a state grant. (08-1205)

Camas \$500,000
Redeveloping the Camas Field of Dreams Sports Complex

Camas will use this grant to begin redeveloping a 10.9-acre sports field complex. The site is used as a youth sports field; however, a 3-foot grade change, site layout, and field orientation limit the potential of the site to serve as a sports complex. Camas will re-grade the site, re-orient fields, and add lighting to improve playability and increase field capacity. When finished, the site will accommodate a wide variety of field layouts. The city will create a regulation baseball field with a soccer overlay, a softball field with soccer overlay, and two informal fields with backstops and overlaid soccer. The city will install landscaping, walking paths, and lighting. The city will contribute \$1,466,724 in cash, and donations of cash and labor. (08-1305)

Clark County \$536,140
Protecting Mud Lake and the Lewis River

Clark County will use this grant to buy 341 acres of shoreline, wetlands, and forests on Mud Lake and the Lewis River, 2 miles upstream of the Columbia River. The site is a key link between Clark County's two largest protected habitat areas – the 5,280-acre Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and the 2,200-acre East Fork Lewis Greenway and Habitat System. It also is a central feature in a bi-state system of protected habitat lands on the Columbia River between the Willamette and Lewis Rivers. The purchase will include 1 mile of shoreline on the Lewis River and the entire bed and shoreline of the

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74-acre Mud Lake. The site encompasses seven priority habitats and 33 priority species and communities, and provides habitat for four salmon populations, threatened with extinction. The land provides opportunities for hiking, bird watching, and outdoor education, and is part of the Lewis and Columbia River water trail systems. The county will contribute \$536,140 in conservation futures¹ and a federal grant. (08-1247)

Vancouver-Clark County

\$501,358

Buying Land for Mackie Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 6.44 acres for a neighborhood park in a heavily developed residential area in northeast Vancouver. This is the only large, flat, and available site within the service area, and it only partially fills a deficit for parkland. The land consists of a flat, open meadow. The department will contribute \$501,358. (08-1150)

Vancouver-Clark County

\$540,850

Buying Land for Sunset Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 3.96 acres for a neighborhood park to serve about 4,300 residents. Significant residential redevelopment has occurred in the area surrounding this site in the past six years. This property is the last large, wooded parcel in the entire service area, and the acquisition only fills half of the parkland deficit there. The school district, which owns the land, has agreed to sell the land at 10 percent less than the appraised value. The land is adjacent to an existing elementary school, which offers only limited access to play fields and equipment. This park will complement the school's facilities by remaining mostly natural. The department will contribute \$540,853 in cash and donated land. (08-1154)

Vancouver-Clark County

\$491,587

Developing Bosco Place Neighborhood Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to build the 11-acre Bosco Place Neighborhood Park, the only developed park in the service area, which is home to 1,800 residents. The park currently has a wooded ravine and open, grassy area. Work will include developing about 5 acres to include paved paths, a basketball court, benches, picnic tables, and playground equipment. The development of paved paths within the park will enhance access to the nearby Burnt Bridge Creek

¹ Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Greenway, which boasts an 8-mile, multi-use trail linking schools, parks, and a community center. The department will contribute \$491,587. (08-1162)

Vancouver-Clark County \$951,361

Developing the Chelatchie Prairie Rail-with-Trail

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to develop a shared-use, 2.7-mile segment of the Chelatchie Prairie Rail-With-Trail in central Clark County. This is the first phase of a countywide, 33-mile rail-with-trail corridor because it connects two significant park destinations starting at Battle Ground's Fairgrounds Community Park and connecting to Battle Ground Lake State Park. The paved and boardwalk trail will be 10-12 feet wide with a separated 4-foot-wide earthen trail and will provide trail opportunities for hikers, bicyclists, skaters, and equestrians. Limited opportunities exist for trail corridors in this area and this project is the first to link multiple recreation sites in Battle Ground, the county's fastest growing city. The Chinook Trail Association, Parks Foundation of Vancouver and Clark County, and Battle Ground are supporting this project. The department will contribute \$951,361 in cash, a federal grant, and donations of cash and labor. (08-1252)

Vancouver-Clark County \$500,000

Developing Curtin Creek Community Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to begin building the final of four community parks. Serving the 50,000 residents of the greater Brush Prairie area in unincorporated Clark County, this project will provide two picnic shelters, a large children's play area, a paved perimeter pathway about .75 mile in length, and picnic tables and benches. The department will contribute \$2,381,597. (08-1163)

Vancouver-Clark County \$352,273

Developing Lakeshore Neighborhood Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to build the 5.17-acre Lakeshore Neighborhood Park. Work will include building paved paths and a basketball court, installing playground equipment, and planting a lawn for informal sports and open play. The department will contribute \$352,273 cash. (08-1161)

Vancouver-Clark County \$294,904

Developing Lauren Neighborhood Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to develop a 2.15-acre neighborhood park in a low-to-moderate income neighborhood in east

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Vancouver. About 6,000 residents live in the park's service area. The development of Lauren Park meets less than half of the parkland deficit, and it will provide the only developed park in the area. The city will build an internal looping walking trail and a half-court basketball area as well as install play equipment, benches, picnic tables, and trees and shrubs. The department will contribute \$294,904 in cash and donated labor. (08-1159)

Vancouver-Clark County **\$214,630**
Developing the Pearson Park Trail

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to develop a trail at Vancouver's historic Pearson Park, which is an airport that offers a rich local history and partially open grounds for visitors. Work will include developing a .8-mile shared-use, connecting trail between several of Vancouver's most popular trail corridors and installing benches and interpretive signs. The Pearson Park Trail will connect Maya Lin's Confluence Project Land Bridge, Fort Vancouver, and the Central Park Trail with Vancouver's regional Waterfront Renaissance Trail along the Columbia River and the Vancouver Discovery Loop Trail to create a 2.6 mile loop. Additionally, five interpretive signs will focus on the history of the Pearson Park Airfield, the site of the first trans-Pacific flight from Russia and the former site of the world's largest spruce mill that operated during World War I. The department will contribute \$214,630 in cash and cash donations. (08-1250)

Vancouver-Clark County **\$848,138**
Extending Vancouver Lake Trail

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to build a 1.7-mile trail from Vancouver Lake Park north to Lake River. The proposed shared-use, 12-foot-wide trail will parallel Buckmire Slough and connect to natural areas along Lake River. Trail users will have views of the Vancouver Lake lowlands and forested bottomlands, which host a spectacular range of wildlife. The department will contribute \$848,138 from a state grant and cash. (08-1767)

Vancouver-Clark County **\$500,000**
Renovating David Douglas Park

The Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate 10 acres of the 68-acre David Douglas Park in central Vancouver. Developed in the 1940s, David Douglas Park has seen extensive use by youth and adult sports leagues, trail users, and general park visitors. Work will include installing an expanded pathway system, a new playground and picnic shelter, a basketball court, benches, and picnic tables. Crews also will realign the entry drive and north parking lot and renovate the

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parking and pathways to accommodate people with disabilities. David Douglas Park serves 28 neighborhoods and more than 35,000 people. The department will contribute \$1,120,822. (08-1251)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$3,540,022
Preserving Lacamas Prairie Natural Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 225 acres of Willamette Valley wet prairie northeast of Vancouver, the only wet prairie of that size and quality in Washington. The land supports the second largest of 20 known populations of Bradshaw's Lomatium, a globally critically imperiled, federally-listed endangered plant species. It also contains habitat for five state sensitive plant species and the rare slender-billed white breasted nuthatch. This purchase is the second of a multi-phased and multi-agency effort to protect a larger area of wet prairie and oak woodland. Other partners in the effort include the Columbia Land Trust, Washington Nature Conservancy, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Clark County. This project was the top ranked project of eight competing for funding in the natural areas category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1180)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$1,709,977
Protecting Washougal Oaks

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 160 acres east of Washougal at the western edge of the Columbia River Gorge. The land is part of a larger area that encompasses the largest, high-quality native oak woodland remaining in western Washington. A fish-bearing stream inside a steep forested ravine runs through the heart of the site. The land supports two, state sensitive plant species, and two rare or threatened animal species – the slender-billed nuthatch and Lower Columbia steelhead. The land will designate as a combination of Natural Resources Conservation Area and Natural Area Preserve. The department is partnering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge), U.S. Forest Service (Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area), and the Columbia Land Trust. (08-1186)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$235,000
Restoring the Washougal Oaks Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore about 85 acres in the Washougal Oaks Natural Area Preserve and Natural Resources Conservation Area, which contain the largest, high-quality native oak woodland remaining in western Washington. Oak woodland ecosystems in western Washington

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have declined because of development, invasion by other trees and plants, grazing, and fire suppression. This oak woodland type is considered critically imperiled globally. Work will include developing weed management and restoration plans, mapping the locations of non-native plants, controlling weeds, removing other trees that will outgrow and shade the oaks, and replanting the area. (08-1400)

Washougal **\$355,460**
Buying the Garrett Property for a Park

Washougal will use this grant to buy 9 acres, known as the Garrett property, next to the city's parkland. Acquisition will preserve the land from development and will allow the city to provide a neighborhood park and an important link connecting neighborhoods via a future trail loop. The owner is willing to offer a portion of the land value as a donation and postpone selling until the city can purchase it. The city will contribute \$355,460 in cash and donated land. (08-1115)

Washougal **\$248,542**
Improving Steamboat Landing

Washougal will use this grant to renovate Steamboat Landing dock to allow better access by non-motorized boats exploring the Columbia River. People using kayaks and canoes find the current dock difficult to negotiate because of high curbs. The new design shows a low profile, curbless dock enabling easier entrance and exit to the water, with a higher degree of safety. A new cradle storage enables boaters to secure their vessels while visiting nearby sites, including the historical campsites of Lewis and Clark. A plaza-style park entrance will include picnic tables and benches. The city will contribute \$248,542. (08-1208)

Washougal **\$44,932**
Replacing Hathaway Park Drift Boat Launch

Washougal will use this grant to replace its boat launch at Hathaway Park. Known throughout Camas and Washougal for its position next to the river, Hathaway Park provides one of four public drift boat launches along the Washougal River. The launch is used almost daily but use declines in the summer because low water levels make boat entry difficult. Visitors also use the launch to get to a popular swimming beach. The city will rebuild the launch to improve safety. The Columbia Credit Union has donated \$2,500 donation toward improvements. The city will contribute \$44,933 in cash and cash donations. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1118)

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Columbia County \$36,728

Dayton \$36,728

Developing the Dayton Skate Park

Dayton will use this grant to install the first phase of a skate park within an existing park. The city will build the skate park on a concrete slab. Work will include adding a skating obstacle, installing two parking spaces, fixing the sidewalks for people with disabilities, and installing signs, seating, garbage cans, and gates. Dayton will contribute \$36,728.

(08-1302)

Cowlitz County \$455,578

Longview \$126,872

Acquiring Land for a Cowlitz River Boat Launch

Longview will use this grant to buy 2.2 acres for a non-motorized, hand launch to the Cowlitz River near downtown Longview. The land is next to existing city parkland and eliminates the risk of incompatible development if sold. The area will provide the only non-motorized water access along the Cowlitz River on the 16 miles between Castle Rock and the Columbia River. The city will contribute \$126,872 in cash and labor.

(08-1417)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$143,000

Developing Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build a 1-mile loop interpretive trail, which will include interpretive signs about the old growth forest and lake ecology, in the Merrill Lake Natural Resources Conservation Area. While the site contains a primitive campground, picnic sites, and boat launch, there are no other amenities, such as trails. Campground users are making their own trails into the old growth forest, which are damaging the area. This proposal will diversify the recreational options at the site and help minimize damage to the forest by directing hiking along an approved trail. The project also involves improvements to the primary access road.

(08-1407)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$185,706

Restoring Salmon Fish Habitat in Mount Saint Helens' Hoffstadt Creek

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to begin restoring fish habitat in the mouth of Hoffstadt Creek. Since the 1996 flood, several hundred

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acres of the mudflow off the north fork of the Toutle River have eroded and entered Hoffstadt Creek, destroying high quality spawning and rearing habitat. Gravel mining and logging have further damaged the habitat. Work will include placing structures and plants in and along the creek to help prevent future impacts to fish habitat. This work will begin the process of restoring 1 mile of habitat in Hoffstadt Creek and will improve conditions in 1.3 miles of tributaries in the area. (08-1534)

Douglas County\$2,749,812

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife\$2,500,000
Protecting Mid-Columbia Shrub-steppe

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 4,999 acres of habitat critical to the survival of Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and other priority species dependant on shrub-steppe habitats. The land is home to two, active sharp-tailed grouse leks and provides critical nesting, brood rearing, and winter habitats. It borders other agency wildlife areas with active leks. Acquisition will build important connectivity between the areas and the grouse populations on the Colville Indian Reservation and in Okanogan County. The loss of connectivity between these areas will jeopardize the department's efforts to fully recover sharp-tailed grouse populations in the state. More than 60 percent of the state's shrub-steppe habitat has been eliminated. Besides the sharp-tailed grouse, many of the state's highest priority species in need of conservation are covered by this project, including greater sage grouse, Washington ground squirrels, and pygmy rabbits. (08-1509)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife\$249,812
Restoring North Douglas County Shrub-steppe

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to convert 413 acres in the Sagebrush Flat and Wells Wildlife Areas that are covered in non-native grasses and noxious weeds to shrub-steppe habitat. In their present condition, the fields are of little ecological value. Restoration will increase shrub-steppe habitat and improve connectivity through the wildlife areas and nearby. This will benefit animals, including the Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and sage grouse. There are active sharp-tailed grouse leks in the area. Restoration of these fields will provide places for the grouse to nest, raise their young, and hide from predators. (08-1584)

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Franklin County..... \$1,000,900

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$1,000,900
Protecting Mesa Lake Would be partially funded at \$184,904

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 558 acres of wetland near Mesa Lake. This property includes open water, marsh, meadow, woody riparian, and shrub-steppe. The water that forms Mesa Lake and all the surrounding wetlands is the result of a 1950s irrigation project. It is ecologically linked to more than 15,000 acres of similar habitat within 6 miles. Because of the habitat diversity, many species of wildlife benefit from this property and it is critical that it is protected from development. (08-1514)

Grant County \$4,664,581

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$1,511,685
Acquiring the Wanapum Natural Area Preserve

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 4,375 acres of the proposed 11,620-acre Wanapum Natural Area Preserve. The preserve is designed to ensure the protection of the only two known populations of striped whipsnakes in Washington and a dune ecosystem. It also will protect 12 other priority species and ecosystems, such as sagebrush lizard, peregrine falcon, ferruginous hawk, Washington ground squirrel, black-tailed jackrabbit, Geyer's milkvetch, beaked spike rush, great basin gilia, gray cryptantha, and the globally rare Wyoming big sagebrush/needle-and-thread grass plant association. This is the first natural area preserve in Washington designed to conserve inland sand dunes and it will allow the sand dunes to migrate. (08-1185)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$246,200
Enhancing the Desert Wildlife Area Wetland

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to treat 200 acres a year of Phragmites, a grass that grows to 12 feet, in the Desert Wildlife Area in the Columbia basin. The site offers important habitat for migratory birds. Work will include controlling the Phragmites through herbicides and burning, conducting a pilot project to find vegetation that will compete with Phragmites, and working with land managers to develop a local management plan. Phragmites reduces sight distances in wetlands, which makes them undesirable for waterfowl and makes public access difficult. The

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non-native plants threaten to choke out the native Phragmites. The project goal is to create more open shorelines for public access and waterfowl nesting. (08-1825)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$2,906,696**
Building a New Campground at Steamboat Rock State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to build a campground between the North Campground Loop and main day-use area of Steamboat Rock State Park. The campground will include 31 full-service utility sites for recreational vehicles, seven rustic cabins, and a restroom. (08-1277)

Grays Harbor County **\$2,742,007**

Aberdeen **\$120,000**
Building the Finch Spray Park

The Aberdeen Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to build a spray park at Finch Playfield. The play fountain will have 12 interactive water sprays designed for toddlers to adults. The city recently renovated this community park but did not have enough money to include a spray park. The Aberdeen Young Mothers Club has taken the lead in a fundraising campaign. The city will contribute \$122,218 in cash, labor, materials, and cash donations. (08-1082)

Aberdeen **\$500,000**
Lighting Pioneer Park Field

The Aberdeen Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to install field lights and a new electrical system to four baseball and softball fields. A major winter storm last year wiped out all of the Pioneer Park field lighting. During the storm, two poles broke 15 feet above ground, other poles shifted in the ground, and 10 poles require total replacement. Of the 186 light fixtures, 184 are no longer operable, and all of the transformers and underground wiring are unsafe. Due to the magnitude of the damage, the current system has been abandoned. This project will replace the field lights at the Little League field, the Babe Ruth Field, and two softball fields. The city also will install the underground infrastructure to add capacity to light the remaining three fields. Funding partners include the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Grays Harbor Public Utilities District, and the local Little League and Babe Ruth leagues. The city will contribute \$630,675 in cash, equipment, labor, a federal grant, and donations of cash and equipment. (08-1648)

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Montesano **\$217,500**

Developing Beacon Park

Montesano will use this grant to begin developing the first community park in the city. The city will build one adult and two youth baseball-softball fields, with one adult and two youth soccer fields overlaid. The city also will build a gravel parking lot and install some utilities. Future development phases will include upgrading the fields to tournament quality with amenities. The city will contribute \$217,500 in cash, equipment, labor, materials, and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. (08-1473)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$719,670**

Acquiring Land in the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 403 acres, including critical parts of Preacher's and Blue sloughs, in the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve. The preserve protects a diverse complex of estuarine and riverine wetland communities. It represents a unique opportunity to protect a large intact ecosystem with natural hydrologic functions. Sloughs provide important habitat for salmon during their adjustment to saltwater. Habitat for other fish, including the Olympic mud minnow, also is protected. Acquisition of these properties will be a significant contribution toward completion of the preserve, which has been recognized as a national priority for protection. (08-1157)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$250,000**

Developing Access to the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide public access in the buffer areas of the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve. At the Preacher's Slough area, the department will build a boat launch on the Chehalis River for canoes, kayaks, and other small boats; a trail adjacent to the river; and a small parking area. At the western end of the preserve and western end of the existing interpretive trail, the department will build a small parking area, trail head, and canoe launch for access to Blue Slough. In addition, 3 miles of walking trails will be upgraded to provide access for people with disabilities. (08-1406)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$324,837**

Improving Access to the West Fork of the Satsop River

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to install a new boat launch ramp and toilet and grade the parking area at a boat launch on the west fork of the Satsop River, between the Aberdeen-Hoquiam-Montesano area and Elma. The launch site is undeveloped and usable by hand-launching only. The new ramp will allow

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power boaters and drift boaters to launch, reducing the pressure on nearby launches.
(08-1487)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$300,000
Removing Fish Blockages in the Elk River Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to remove barriers to fish migration and two bridge approaches, near the Mallard Slough and on Beardslee Slough in the Elk River Natural Resources Conservation Area. The bridge approaches were placed on fills, and once removed will allow normal tidal interchange and re-establishment of native species. The conservation area is nearly 5,000 acres and protects about 1,000 acres of high quality salt marshes and freshwater wetlands. It is one of the highest quality estuaries on the West Coast. The salt marsh wetlands play key roles in providing the bottom link in the food chain for a wide variety of species such as copepods, salmon, waterfowl, mink, peregrine falcons, elk, and bear. This project represents the second phase of a restoration plan to repair all the blocked fish passages and impaired wetlands in the conservation area. (08-1399)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$250,000
Restoring John's River Wetlands

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore 185 acres of wetland. Crews will breach a levee and tide gate system, allowing the tide to reenter the estuarine wetland. They also will build a setback dike to protect property owners and a state highway. The wetland, which is now dominated by reed canary grass, will be replaced naturally by a native salt marsh dominated by salt grass, eelgrass, and tufted hairgrass. This is the largest diked estuary that can be restored in Grays Harbor, which is one of the largest, most important estuarine habitats on the Pacific Coast. Up to 50,000 ducks migrate through Gray's Harbor annually. This restoration allows recovery of declining shorebird and salmon populations. (08-1536)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$60,000
Restoring the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore about 5 acres of shoreline and bank along the Chehalis River near the end of Preacher's Slough road in the Chehalis River Surge Plain Natural Area Preserve. The preserve is a wetland that represents the highest quality habitat for fish and wildlife in the Chehalis Basin. This is one of the very few degraded areas in the natural area. Work will include planting trees and shrubs to provide shade and stabilize the river bank, controlling

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Himalayan blackberries and reed canary grass, replanting native plants, and repairing areas damaged by off-road vehicles. (08-1397)

Island County \$6,704,701

Island County \$672,500

Protecting Ebey's Reserve Farmland

Island County will use this grant to buy a permanent agricultural conservation easement on 65 acres of farmland within Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve on Whidbey Island. The property has been actively farmed for well over a century. Due to prime soils, long growing season, and sufficient water supply, the property's economic productivity is excellent for a wide variety of crops, including produce, seed crops, alfalfa, wheat, barley, and corn. The property lies on the south boundary of Coupeville and provides historic agricultural context for both the town and Ebey's Reserve. It is surrounded by hundreds of acres of protected land. While agriculture receives a high level of support on Whidbey, the threat of conversion to residential development is significant. The property is highly sought after because of its location adjacent to Coupeville with sweeping views of Admiralty Inlet, the Olympic Mountains, and protected Ebey's Reserve farmlands. Once protected from development, the property will remain in agriculture and help ensure the future viability of farmland within Ebey's Reserve. Island County and the Whidbey Camano Land Trust will co-hold the easement. Island County will contribute \$672,500 from local and federal grants. (08-1860)

Island County \$1,009,100

Protecting Livingston Bay Beach and Riparian Areas

Island County will use this grant to buy a permanent conservation easement on about 43 acres in northwest Livingston Bay, including a 9.7-acre pocket estuary. The area plays an important role in the recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon and bull trout, both listed by the federal government as threatened with extinction, as well as the conservation of a variety of migratory waterbirds and other at-risk species. This project represents the final phase of a collaborative effort by Island and Snohomish Counties, the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, The Nature Conservancy, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and others to conserve north Port Susan Bay and the rich and diverse ecological resources it supports. Island County will contribute \$1,018,500 in donations of cash, labor, and land. (08-1803)

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South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District **\$56,198**
Building Trustland Trails Park

The South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District will use this grant to make the entrance, parking area, and loop trail in Trustland Trails Park accessible to people with disabilities. The district obtained the 200-acre park from the Washington Department of Natural Resources in 2007. Crews will build a parking lot, learning shelter, storage facility, and half-mile trail, and install hitching posts, mounting stations, loading ramps, restrooms, tables, benches, and a bike rack at the park. The South Whidbey Backcountry Horsemen are active stewards of the land and have committed to helping with trail development and maintenance. The district will contribute \$104,360 in voter-approved bonds, equipment, labor, materials, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. (08-1538)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$681,175**
Acquiring Land within Deception Pass State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy a .6-acre commercial property that houses a market and gas station within the park. The agency plans to turn it into a visitor orientation facility. Deception Pass State Park is a 4,174-acre marine and camping park with beaches, rugged cliffs, breath-taking views, old-growth forests, and abundant wildlife. The park has several distinct recreational areas that are separated east-west by State Route 20 and north-south by Deception Pass. With this separation, visitor orientation has been difficult. Using the "hub and spoke" analogy; the visitor orientation facility will provide the hub, or central location, off the busy highway and near the main entrance to provide visitor information. (08-1834)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$4,000,000**
Protecting Admiralty Inlet Heritage Forest **Would be partially funded at \$923,049**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 54 acres that include an endangered prairie plant population, imperiled old-growth forest community, 2,200 feet of bluffs, and numerous wildlife species dependent on these habitats. The property contains a 30-acre forest of Douglas-fir, western hemlock, oceanspray, and swordfern, one of only seven known occurrences of that combination in Washington. The property also is home to golden paintbrush, one of only 12 remaining populations in the world. Many priority wildlife use the property as well, including bald eagles, merlins, pileated woodpeckers, band-tailed pigeon, pigeon guillemots and Puget Sound Chinook and Hood Canal summer chum, both listed as threatened with extinction by the federal government. The site abuts the south boundary of the Admiralty Inlet Natural Area Preserve, and together, these two sites will protect

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more than 80 contiguous acres, more than 1 mile of shoreline, two rare plant communities, and a rare natural forest community. The property includes five waterfront lots with outstanding views that are threatened with residential development. (08-1826)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$285,728**
Renovating the Cama Beach Marine Railway

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to renovate a boat launch railway at Cama Beach State Park, the newest state park. The park includes a boathouse that is run by the Center for Wooden Boats, a non-profit organization that provides maritime history programs. In support of the boating program, which will include non-motorized boat rentals, children’s programs, demonstrations, and events in the park, this grant will replace a defunct marine railway for launching small, non-motorized watercraft from the boathouse. The railway consists of a pair of railroad tracks supported by pilings extending from the boathouse to the beach. The railway will run through the seawall on the concrete boat ramp and will be extended 110 feet from the seawall and elevated up to 3 feet from the substrate to minimize impacts on the water habitat. (08-1224)

Jefferson County \$7,566,332

Jefferson County **\$590,830**
Completing the Larry Scott Trail

The Jefferson County Public Works Department will use this grant to buy the remaining 1.6 miles of right-of-way and develop the final 4 miles of the Larry Scott Trail. The trail will be 10 feet wide to accommodate multiple uses and be accessible to people with disabilities. A 4-foot-wide horse path will parallel the trail. Crews also will build a trail head at a planned bus facility at State Route 20 and South Discovery Road that will include parking, a kiosk, and links to other modes of transportation. There is no multi-purpose trail in this rural area of the county. Named after an important community member, the Larry Scott Trail is an 8.5-mile route that begins in Port Townsend, and with this grant, will connect to the Olympic Discovery Trail, which runs to the Pacific Ocean. The county will contribute \$590,830 in cash and a federal grant. (08-1773)

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Jefferson County **\$395,290**

Preserving the Brown Dairy

Jefferson County and the Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to buy a conservation easement on the 50-acre Brown Dairy at the Chimacum crossroads. The Brown Dairy has been a working farm since the 1850s, with a long history of dairy production until recently. The milking facility has been idle for four years after several losses in the family, and a portion of the farm has been sold. The area is zoned for agriculture but its proximity to the Chimacum intersection poses a threat from commercial and residential development. The Brown Dairy includes an historic farmhouse, barns, milking facility, nearly 45 acres of prime pastureland, and about .4 mile of Chimacum Creek. Protection of this historically significant farm will add to the viability of Chimacum crossroads as a hub of the local agriculture community. Jefferson County will contribute \$395,290 in cash donations, conservation futures,² and a federal grant. (08-1214)

Jefferson County **\$207,500**

Protecting Finnriver Farm

Jefferson County and the Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to buy a conservation easement on Finnriver Farm, a 33-acre, certified organic farm, regionally known for its berries and vegetables. Farm owners have planted more than 900 apple and pear trees and are establishing an artisan-scale winery and cider production facility. Conservation values include prime agricultural soils, about one-quarter mile of Chimacum Creek, scenic vistas, and habitat for salmon, beaver, trumpeter swans, bear, eagles, hawks, and many other animals. The farm is platted into four parcels, each of which can be developed. The easement will be co-held by the county and land trust. Jefferson County will contribute \$211,500 in cash donations and conservation futures³. (08-1153)

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe **\$1,500,000**

Protecting Tarboo Headwaters to Bay

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will use this grant buy conservation easements on 416 acres of stream and wetland corridors from the headwaters of Tarboo Creek to Tarboo-Dabob Bay in upper Hood Canal. The project is part of a watershed approach to long-term, comprehensive protection of a diversity of habitats and at-risk wildlife being undertaken by a coalition of conservation groups, landowners, tribes, and government

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agencies. About 700 acres already have been protected. The grant will help protect key properties necessary for connectivity and ecological viability of the entire area. A broad diversity of species and habitats will be protected including 42 priority species, 8 priority habitats, and 8 priority natural heritage elements. The tribe will hold title to conservation easements, with the Jefferson Land Trust providing long-term stewardship. The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe will contribute \$1.5 million in conservation futures⁴; state and federal grants, and donations of cash, labor, and property interest. (08-1818)

Port Townsend

\$500,000

Preserving the Quimper Wildlife Corridor

Port Townsend will use this grant to buy 27.5 acres of critical wetland, floodplain, and upland habitat in the Winona basin. The city, Jefferson Land Trust, and Jefferson County have been working to protect a ribbon of green across the Quimper Peninsula, connecting a series of wetlands, forests, and floodplains that provide habitat for more than 200 bird species and other wildlife. Most of this area was platted into lots in the 1880s and development pressures in the area are high. Purchase of the land will protect the high quality habitat and further the efforts to connect this area with other important habitat areas that extend from the city across the Quimper Peninsula. Port Townsend will contribute \$500,000 in donations of cash and land and conservation futures⁵. (08-1478)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$2,900,415

Expanding the Dabob Bay Natural Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 197.45 acres in the Tarboo watershed north of Quilcene to expand the Dabob Bay Natural Area. The natural area protects high quality coastal sand spits, estuaries, and forests. Unlike the majority of coastal sand spits and marsh complexes within the Puget Sound area that have been heavily damaged, the spit-marsh complexes in the natural area are functional, have had very little alteration since the 1800s, and few bulkheads. The properties to be purchased include coastal bluffs and shoreline that provide sediment and woody debris for the spits. (08-1178)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources \$330,000
Restoring Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore the Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve, north of Quilcene, on Hood Canal. Work will include developing a restoration plan for all 9 acres, controlling invasive plants, removing fill, establishing a holding nursery for the understory vegetation, and replanting 4 acres. Nine acres within the preserve were cleared for development by the previous owner and are overgrown with invasive plants and domestic grasses. The preserve protects high quality coastal sand spits, estuary habitats, and forests. (08-1383)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$49,872
Restoring Pole Creek

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to remove culverts that are blocking fish migration or delivering sediment in Pole Creek. Crews will remove fills, add drainage structures to roads, and abandon 1.7 miles of road. They also will repair impending road failures above good quality fish habitat. The Pole Creek basin is the only area in the greater Hoh River watershed, outside Olympic National Park, with significant portions of old growth forest. The project is supported by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Pacific Coastal Salmon Coalition, the Hoh Tribe, and local groups. The department will contribute \$25,750 in donations of cash and labor. (08-1392)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$636,200
Protecting Dosewallips State Park Riparian Areas

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy about 1 mile of riparian habitat on the Dosewallips River, adjacent to Dosewallips State Park, doubling the park's river frontage and creating a 2-mile stretch of protected lands. Located on the west shore of Hood Canal, 1 mile south of Brinnon, the 425-acre park has 1 mile of saltwater shoreline on Hood Canal and 1 mile of freshwater frontage on both sides of the river. The river is home to seven species of wild salmon and contains some of the most important and highest quality salmon habitat in eastern Jefferson County. This acquisition would protect habitat for four species of salmon listed as at-risk of extinction by the federal government. The commission approved a long-term boundary for the park that included a 6-mile corridor from Hood Canal to the Olympic National Forest. This acquisition would make one-third of the corridor a reality. State Parks will contribute \$317,500 from a state grant. (08-1356)

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Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$456,225**
Protecting Glen Cove Riparian Area

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy a permanent conservation easement on 66 acres of wooded land that serves as a buffer between Old Fort Townsend State Park and the Port Townsend Paper Corporation. The property contains high quality beach habitat used by summer chum and coho salmon. The tidelands, shoreline, and uplands contain eroding bluffs that provide sediments to the beach, creating healthy habitat for the fish salmon eat as well as 25 acres of eelgrass beds. Port Townsend Paper Company owns the property and could sell it for development. Development can damage the beach, disturbing nursery, feeding, refuge, and spawning areas for salmon. (08-1905)

King County.....\$31,102,241

Auburn **\$154,000**
Extending White River Trail

Auburn will use this grant to complete the westernmost 1,040 feet of the White River Trail. The White River trail is a 2.21-mile, multi-use, 10- to 12-foot-wide trail that connects to the city of Pacific. This segment will connect Pacific's trails and the Auburn Riverside High School campus at the westernmost point of Auburn with the regionally significant Game Farm Park athletic fields and Game Farm Wilderness Park. This segment also will give Auburn Riverside High School students much needed access from Pacific to school. The city will contribute \$154,001 in cash and voter-approved bonds. (08-1800)

Bellevue **\$1,000,000**
Buying Meydenbauer Bay Waterfront

Bellevue will use this grant to buy the last remaining privately owned parcel between the Meydenbauer Beach Park and the city-owned marina. Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish border Bellevue; however, because of development, topography, and private ownership of the shoreline, the public has very limited visual and physical access to these lakes. Of the more than 11 miles of shoreline along the two lakes, less than 10 percent is in public ownership. Bellevue has made a substantial commitment in the past decade to increase the public's access to the waterfront. Acquiring this parcel adds .48 acre to the city's holdings, and completes the Lake Washington acquisition plan envisioned in the mid-1970s of a regionally significant waterfront park that extends

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from Meydenbauer Beach Park to the marina, and connects to downtown Bellevue. The city will contribute \$2,630,000. (08-1748)

Bellevue **\$950,000**

Expanding Lake Sammamish Park

Bellevue will use this grant to buy .41 acre with 67 feet of waterfront along Lake Sammamish, expanding adjacent city park property to 1.2 acres and 193 feet of waterfront. This represents the only public property along the nearly 5-mile Lake Sammamish shoreline in Bellevue. This acquisition will allow development of a waterfront park with activities such as swimming, fishing, and picnicking, and will provide limited moorage and access for the non-motorized boats. Bellevue will contribute \$950,000. (08-1766)

Carnation **\$32,800**

Overhauling Memorial Park

Carnation will use this grant to add a new play structure and a trail system through Memorial Park, connecting the various activity centers. The city also will improve the existing bicycle track, build a new parking area, add signs and picnic benches, and cut selective trees to improve the health of the remaining trees. This is the first phase of an overhaul for the aging park. The park is the city's largest developed park but it is underused because it lacks amenities and has poor accessibility. The park's two pieces of play equipment are old and do not meet current safety standards. Additionally, the park is overgrown, which is unwelcoming and hinders the health of the significant trees there. The city will contribute \$32,900 in cash, equipment, labor and donations of labor and materials. (08-1382)

Des Moines **\$579,083**

Paving the Des Moines Creek Trail

The Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to pave the final mile of the Des Moines Creek Trail. This 2.5-mile, gravel bicycle and pedestrian trail connects three park systems – the 70-acre Des Moines Creek Park, the 22.5-acre Des Moines Beach Park Historic District and Tidelands, and the 14-acre Des Moines Marina. The trail travels through old growth forests and areas with salmon spawning grounds and a fish ladder, by two historic landmarks and a mountain bike facility, before ending at the waterfront. This trail project provides the much anticipated waterfront link, connecting Des Moines neighborhoods, recreation facilities and schools, SeaTac, SeaTac Airport, a future light rail station, and the South King County Regional Trail

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System to the Puget Sound in downtown Des Moines. The city will contribute \$589,960 in federal funding, cash, cash donations, and a voter-approved levy. (08-1635)

Issaquah **\$1,000,000**

Creating the Downtown Tolle Anderson Park

Issaquah will use this grant to buy 3.5 acres at the confluence of the main stem and east fork of Issaquah Creek in old town Issaquah. The land is surrounded by other city-owned land, that when combined with this purchase, will create a 15-acre community park. The landowner has asked that this portion of the park be named after his grandfather, Tolle Anderson. The city plans to design the park to highlight Issaquah Creek. The city will contribute \$1 million in voter-approved bonds and conservation futures⁶. (08-1390)

Issaquah **\$500,000**

Building Multi-Purpose Sports Fields in Central Park

Issaquah will use this grant to install two artificial turf fields with lights in Central Park. The city's grass fields are overused and being ruined by ever growing soccer, lacrosse, and youth football programs. The Central Park field is in poor condition because of poor drainage rotting the natural grass. This year, the field was swampy and unusable. The city will contribute \$2,045,000 in cash, voter-approved bonds, and cash donations. (08-1831)

Issaquah **\$450,000**

Protecting Squak Valley Park Creeksides

Issaquah will use this grant to buy 2.06 undeveloped acres and purchase conservation easements on another 1.5 acres on the west bank of Issaquah Creek to protect an important riparian corridor from residential development. This land then will be included in a restoration project, now in the planning stage, that will reconnect Issaquah Creek with its historical floodplain by removing parts of a levee that runs parallel to the east bank. This would improve the creek's habitat values, which were damaged by levee construction and channel straightening in the 1930s. The city will contribute \$962,000 in cash, conservation futures⁷, labor, a local grant, and donated labor. (08-1848)

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Kent	\$1,229,875
Acquiring Matinjussi Panther Lake	Would be partially funded at \$513,115

Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services will use this grant to buy 6.62 acres, with 450 feet of shoreline on Panther Lake in unincorporated King County for a community park. In the future, the park will have a car-top boat launch site for small, non-motorized boats; trails and benches; a pier for wildlife viewing and fishing; a picnic shelter; a restroom; a playground; and a parking lot. The city will contribute \$1,233,375 from a local grant and cash donations. (08-1354)

Kent	\$300,000
Developing West Hill Park	

Kent Parks, Recreation and Community Services will use this grant to develop 3 acres into a park. The city will install play equipment, park furniture, a restroom, parking, lighting, landscaping, walking trails, a multi-purpose field, and fencing. Kent has had numerous requests for open play space for non-organized activities, such as tethered plane flying, ultimate Frisbee, kite flying, and neighborhood soccer, baseball, and softball games. The city will contribute \$516,282 in cash and donated labor. (08-1880)

Kent	\$450,268
Protecting the McSorley Creek Wetland	

Kent will use this grant to buy 40.58 acres of high quality wetland and associated riparian areas at the headwaters of McSorley Creek, which drains through Saltwater State Park into Puget Sound. The forested wetland contained on these parcels is one of the highest quality and most pristine wetlands remaining in Kent. Preservation of the land will help ensure continued flow and water quality for the coho, chum, and steelhead that use the lower creek for spawning and rearing. Development of the surrounding land has degraded the buffers of this large wetland. The project aims to purchase land bounded generally by State Route 99 to the west, South 260th Street to the north, Interstate 5 to the east, and South 272nd Street to the south. The city will contribute \$450,268 in conservation futures⁸ (08-1315)

King County	\$2,000,000
Building the East Lake Sammamish Trail	

King County will use this grant to build the Redmond segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail, the first phase of an 11-mile regional trail on a former rail corridor

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that runs along the Lake Sammamish shoreline and links Redmond and Sammamish with Issaquah and Marymoor Park and Lake Sammamish State Park at either end. This phase will develop the northern segment of the trail from the Bear Creek Trail at Redmond Town Center then alongside Marymoor Park and the lake to about 187th Northeast, a distance of about 1.3 miles. The trail will include a 12-foot-wide paved surface with a parallel soft surface trail. Work will include building parking for about 44 cars and installing signs, landscaping, and other trail amenities. This major regional corridor and missing link in the county's regional trail system will provide access to numerous other trails in the system, allowing users to travel between Seattle and Issaquah and beyond. The county will contribute \$2,029,929 from a voter-approved levy. (08-1110)

King County

\$100,000

Developing Tanner Landing Whitewater Access Park

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to develop a whitewater recreation staging area, trails, and road, and to restore the Tanner Landing's native habitat. Tanner Landing is an undeveloped, 40-acre site that will serve as the marquee component of a large, multi-jurisdictional public access plan for the middle fork of the Snoqualmie River. Since 2003, the department has worked with American Whitewater, Washington Paddle and Canoe Club, Washington Recreational River Runners, the Mountaineers, Mountains to Sound Greenway, MidFORC Coalition, U.S. Forest Service, Washington Department of Natural Resources, North Bend, and others to develop an access plan for the river that encourages recreational opportunities, protects the river corridor, and provides public facilities. King County will contribute \$100,000. (08-1144)

King County

\$2,000,000

Developing the Issaquah Segment of the East Lake Sammamish Trail

King County will use this grant to build the Issaquah trail segment at the south end of the East Lake Sammamish Trail, the second phase of the 11-mile regional trail on former rail corridor along the shoreline of Lake Sammamish. This trail will link Redmond and Issaquah, travel through Sammamish, and connect Marymoor Park and Lake Sammamish State Park. The county will develop parallel paved and soft surface trails along the southern segment of the corridor that borders the state park running from Gilman Boulevard in Issaquah north to Southeast 43rd Street, a distance of about 2 miles. At the north end, this segment links with the partially developed East Plateau Trail, to the south with the Rainier Greenway Trail, and to the east with the Issaquah-Preston Trail, which will link with Preston and on to the Preston-Snoqualmie and

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Snoqualmie Valley Trails. This major corridor will allow contiguous access between Ballard and Issaquah as well as points beyond. King County will contribute \$2,487,842 from a voter-approved levy. (08-1676)

King County

\$510,000

Expanding Grand Ridge Park

King County will use this grant to buy about 75 acres of forests to expand Grand Ridge Park, a 1,200-acre undeveloped park adjacent to the county's 400-acre Mitchell Hill Forest and connected to West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area, Tiger Mountain State Forest, and Taylor Mountain County Forest. Buying the forested land would protect habitat and migration areas for wildlife species including black bears, cougars, bobcats, bald eagles, pileated woodpeckers, and muskellunge. The property contains about .8 mile of both sides of Canyon Creek and about .3 mile of a tributary. Canyon Creek supports Chinook, which is threatened with extinction, and steelhead, chum, and coho salmon and searun cutthroat trout. The county will contribute \$1,700,000 in conservation futures⁹ and a voter-approved levy. (08-1787)

King County

\$600,000

Extending the Foothills Trail

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to build a 1-mile-long, multi-purpose trail on a former railroad corridor west of Enumclaw. This segment will extend the existing Foothills Trail from 252nd Avenue Northeast to the north side of the future White River Bridge in Enumclaw. The new trail segment will be paved with 2- to 3-foot-wide gravel shoulders. The county will contribute \$604,000. (08-1369)

King County

\$500,000

Improving a Field at Steve Cox Memorial Park

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to convert an under used grass field into a multi-use, synthetic turf field with lights for baseball and soccer in the Steve Cox Memorial Park. The field currently has two overlaid, Little League baseball fields in poor condition. This project will improve capacity in an underserved, low-income area, reduce maintenance costs, and eliminate mowing, irrigation, and fertilizer needs. Named to honor a sheriff deputy killed in the line of duty in 2006, the park is in the heart of White Center, a largely working class neighborhood with a population of 20,000 residents and more than 60 languages

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spoken. Local schools have ball fields, but the area's only community fields are those in this park. The park is the centerpiece of a multi-agency community enhancement effort to revive this struggling neighborhood. The county will contribute \$505,000 in donations of labor and materials. (08-1374)

King County

\$74,522

Improving Marymoor Park's Birdloop Area

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to repair and improve a trail, restore habitat, install interpretive kiosks and educational signs, and build a new elevated viewing platform in Marymoor Park's 300-acre protected natural area. Marymoor Park is a 640-acre regional park between Redmond and the northern end of Lake Sammamish. A literal oasis of habitat in a desert of suburban development, the Birdloop Trail offers a rare glimpse into the Sammamish slough and Lake Sammamish shoreline. In addition to a wealth of bird species such as eagles, osprey, and owls, the park is home to more than 20 types of terrestrial wildlife and 150 species of trees, shrubs, flowers, and plants. Species of concern found in Marymoor include the bald eagle, common loon, pileated woodpecker, and Chinook salmon, which will benefit from the restricted public access that this project creates. Eastside Audubon will provide educational programming and long-term maintenance of the trail and surrounding habitat. The county will contribute \$75,000. (08-1366)

King County

\$578,550

Preserving Judd Creek Watershed and Paradise Valley Habitats

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to buy 43 acres of forests and riparian and stream habitat to be added to the 15-acre Paradise Valley Natural Area on Vashon Island. The Paradise Valley region of Judd Creek contains the most productive salmon spawning habitat on the island for coho and chum salmon, as well as searun cutthroat trout. Judd Creek also supports the uncommon Western pearlshell mussel, recently listed as a species of concern in Washington. The property includes wetlands, forests, meadows, edge habitats that support migrating tropical song birds, a half mile of stream, as well as the convergence of the east and west forks of Judd Creek, which then flows south into Quartermaster Harbor. Judd Creek is the largest, single source of fresh water for the nutrient-challenged Quartermaster Harbor, so this project will improve water quality for Chinook salmon and

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other marine species. The county will contribute \$578,550 from a local grant and conservation futures.¹⁰ (08-1423)

King County **\$800,000**
Preserving Point Heyer Ecosystem

The King County Water and Land Resources Division will use this grant to buy 78.65 acres of shoreline along the northern beach of Point Heyer to aid in recovery of Puget Sound Chinook salmon, which are threatened with extinction, steelhead, and other at-risk wildlife. Chinook, chum, coho, cutthroat, pink, sockeye, and steelhead are known or expected to use this beach area to hide from predators and to feed during migration. Successful preservation of the north reach will protect the bluff, which supplies sediment to the entire shoreline south to Point Heyer. The county will contribute \$2,719,525 in local and state grants. (08-1398)

King County **\$585,000**
Protecting White River Wildlife

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to buy 78 acres along White River and Red Creek, near Pinnacle Peak Park. White River spring Chinook salmon are on the brink of extinction and this area supports one of only two spring Chinook runs in central and south Puget Sound that are essential for recovering that population. The land also is important because all five species of Pacific salmon, steelhead, and bull trout migrate through this reach of the river to reach Puget Sound. The land is home to other wildlife, including bald eagles, great blue herons, pileated woodpeckers, Van Dyke's salamanders, big brown bats, fishers, minks, and Western toads. The county will contribute \$585,000 in conservation futures¹¹. (08-1341)

King County **\$875,000**
Protecting the Green River

The King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks will use this grant to buy 38.5 acres in the 1,000-acre Green River Natural Area. The property has salmon habitat in excellent condition with functioning side channels, floodplain forests, and varied types of habitats within the river. Recovery of Chinook salmon relies on the protection of

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intact, productive habitats. The natural area is home to Green River fall Chinook salmon. The county will contribute \$875,000 in conservation futures¹². (08-1241)

North Bend **\$72,000**
Constructing the Torguson Park Climbing Rock

North Bend will use this grant to design and install a 30-foot-tall, outdoor climbing wall in Torguson Park. North Bend is a small community with limited scheduled outdoor activity. The benefits of a climbing wall include fitness, strength-building, confidence-building, balance, coordination, trust, teamwork, cooperation, problem-solving, risk-taking, communication, patience, endurance-building, and leadership. There is no climbing wall in the area. North Bend will contribute \$72,845 in cash, a local grant, and donations of cash, labor, and materials. (08-1608)

North Bend **\$1,997,037**
Extending Tanner Trail

North Bend will use this grant to buy 18 acres of the abandoned Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way along the south side of North Bend Way for an extension of Tanner Trail from Cedar Falls Way, along the abandoned railroad grade parallel to North Bend Way to the Snoqualmie Valley Trail. The abandoned right-of-way is at risk of being purchased by property owners along North Bend Way, eliminating the potential to extend the trail system and link it with regional trails in the upper Snoqualmie Valley. Tanner Trail now begins at State Route 202 near the McClellan Street intersection and ends at the intersection of North Bend Way and Orchard Street. The city will contribute \$1,997,037 from a local grant. (08-1762)

North Bend **\$32,500**
Installing Park Playground in Torguson Park

North Bend will use this grant to design and install an outdoor play structure in Torguson Park. The park doesn't have any playground equipment for small children who accompany their parents to games. The city will contribute \$32,500 in cash, labor, and donated labor. (08-1658)

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Redmond **\$1,250,000**

Buying Bear and Evans Creek Trail & Greenway Property

The Redmond Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 21 acres within the Bear and Evans Creek Trail & Greenway Corridor. The acquisition will allow the city to build a vital link of the Bear and Evans Creek Trail – a section from where the trail currently ends at Northeast 95th Street north to Northeast Novelty Hill Road. The property also is adjacent to Conrad Olson Park. The city will contribute \$1,250,000. (08-1211)

Redmond **\$719,917**

Designing and Building Bear and Evans Creek Trail at Johnson Park

Redmond will use this grant to design and build the next phase of the Bear and Evans Creek Trail through Arthur Johnson Park. The trail will be a 10- to 12-foot-wide, multi-use trail with a parallel, 6-foot-wide soft surface pathway. Design challenges include on site wetlands, slopes, and crossing Evans Creek, a salmon stream. The trail currently ends at N.E. Union Hill Road, and this project will take the trail from there south through Arthur Johnson Park. The city will contribute \$719,917. (08-1086)

Redmond **\$500,000**

Developing Perrigo Park

Redmond will use this grant to develop 3 acres of Perrigo Park. The city will add two picnic shelters, trail connections, an expanded play area, a water feature, a children's sand lot, new parking, an open turf meadow, and interpretive signs. In addition, the city will restore the riparian area. The parking and trails will provide better access to great valley views of Mount Rainier and connect with the interior trail system, including the Bear and Evans Creek Trail. The habitat area also will be used as an interpretative area along the trail. The new play area will connect with the existing play area and give life to the central part of the park. The city will contribute \$500,000. (08-1310)

Renton **\$500,000**

Improving Ron Regis Park

Renton will use this grant to improve the 45-acre Ron Regis Park along the Cedar River. The city will convert an existing all-weather field to synthetic turf and build a second field with lighting and synthetic turf. The city will contribute \$1,970,700. (08-1149)

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Seattle **\$350,000**

Buying Land for a Ballard Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy .9 acre in the densely populated Ballard area in northwest Seattle. The city has wanted this site for a park since the early 1990s but the owners have been unwilling to sell until now. They strongly support a public park being developed on their already park-like property. The Ballard area is densely populated, with fewer natural areas per capita than parts of Seattle. This is the last opportunity for the city to purchase property of this size from one owner. The city will contribute \$2,826,193 in conservation futures¹³ and a voter-approved levy. (08-1292)

Seattle **\$500,000**

Creating a Meadow in Jefferson Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to create a great meadow on a retired reservoir in the 43-acre Jefferson Park. The long-range plan for the park includes the addition of ball fields, a system of pathways, basketball and tennis courts, a new children's play area, water features, landscaping, and other site amenities. The city will contribute \$722,142 in conservation futures¹⁴ and a voter-approved levy. (08-1284)

Seattle **\$500,000**

Developing the Northgate Urban Center Park

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to convert a 3.73-acre park-and-ride facility north of Seattle's Northgate Mall into a park. The park will provide a natural area for one of Seattle's most developed and dense urban areas. The city will build a plaza, skate area, restroom, and areas for passive recreation, children's play, and public gatherings. The city will contribute \$1,619,777 in cash and labor. (08-1196)

Shoreline **\$500,000**

Renovating Cromwell Park

Shoreline will use this grant to renovate 6 acres of Cromwell Park. Designed as a school playground, this site has not been renovated for use as a public park. There are no walkways, restrooms, ball field amenities, picnic tables, or gathering spaces. A drainage ditch separating the park limits visibility and access. The ball fields are poorly

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graded and drained. There are invasive weeds in the wetland areas and no major entry areas. The play area and basketball court are aging. The city will develop a baseball field and multi-use field with turf, irrigation, backstops, dugouts, bleachers, and fencing. Crews also will add a new play structure, full-sized basketball court, amphitheater, a restroom, parking, two picnic areas with tables and benches, seven pedestrian entrances, trails, and restored natural areas. The city will contribute \$1,050,000 in voter-approved bonds and a local grant. (08-1647)

Shoreline

\$500,000

Renovating Hamlin Park

Shoreline will use this grant to renovate 13 acres of the 80-acre, 50-year-old Hamlin Park. The city will renovate the ball field to create two Little League baseball fields, a T-ball field, and multi-use area. The city will install new turf, irrigation, drainage, lighting, backstops, dugouts, bleachers, and fencing, as well as add a parking lot, promenade, and .25-mile walking trail. In addition, the city will add two new play areas, a picnic shelter, benches, and picnic tables. Finally, the city will renovate the restroom, remove asphalt under mature trees, and restore plants. This park has not been improved in more than 30 years. This project will renovate the park's main recreational area, 13 acres of old and dilapidated facilities, surrounding the park's 60 acres of woods. The city will contribute \$1,024,999 in cash, voter-approved bonds, and a local grant. (08-1588)

Tukwila

\$245,000

Protecting the Duwamish Gardens Estuarine Habitat

Tukwila will use this grant to buy 2.16 acres adjacent to the right bank of the Duwamish River. The site is critical habitat for salmon because it provides a place for them to transition between freshwater and saltwater on their way to and from the ocean. The land is among the largest remaining undeveloped areas available for habitat restoration in the Duwamish corridor. Located in the midst of several other restoration sites, the property will provide important habitat and open space links. The property, until recently operated as a family farm known as "Duwamish Gardens," has 500 feet of river frontage. The historic farmhouse, a contemporary house, a barn, and two outbuildings will be removed or demolished. Tukwila will contribute \$2,058,521 from state funding, cash, conservation futures¹⁵, and local and state grants. (08-1877)

¹⁵ Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Vashon Park District **\$500,000**

Improving the Vashon Athletic Fields

The Vashon Park District will use this grant to develop fields for use by youth baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and football leagues at the north Vashon Elementary site. The district will grade and install drainage and irrigation systems, new top soil, and grass seed. It also will add field lighting, a restroom, a concession area, storage, backstops, fencing, dugouts, and spectator benches. In recent years, a lack of fields has limited youth sports on Vashon Island. These improved fields will allow for many more teams to practice at once and into the dark hours, and provide space for tournaments. The district will contribute \$628,876 from a local grant, a voter-approved levy, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. (08-1340)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$325,000**

Developing Mailbox Peak Trail

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to build 5 miles of trail leading to the summit of Mailbox Peak. The existing Mailbox Peak Trail, also known as Direct Route, is an extremely steep path with an elevation gain of almost 4,000 feet in just 2.5 miles. Historically, dedicated hikers, primarily mountaineers, used this route to train for mountaineering expeditions. Over time, the route has become better known and has been identified in several hiking guides. With increased recreational use, the route has become "braided" and erosion is causing damage. Last year, search and rescue teams were called an average of at least twice a month to rescue hikers who were either injured or lost. The existing route cannot sustain the recreational use that is now occurring. The department will contribute \$105,500 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. (08-1049)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$170,000**

Developing Mount Si Trail Bridges

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to replace two dilapidated bridges in the Mount Si Natural Resources Conservation Area. The two bridges are on the Mount Si Trail and Francis North interpretive trail, which are at the trail head. The interpretive trail is closed to the public because of the unsafe bridge. The two bridges were built about 15 years ago with natural wood stringers. They are rotten and the bridges are on the verge of collapsing. The Mount Si trails are a popular destination being 30-minute drive from 3.3 million people. The department will contribute \$18,000 in equipment, labor, and donated labor. This was the top ranked project of 13 projects competing for funding in the state lands development category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1165)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$3,573,307**
Expanding West Tiger Mountain, Mount Si, and Rattlesnake Mountain Protection Areas

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 121.25 acres to expand the Mount Si and West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Areas and the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area – the most popular destinations along the Interstate 90-Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor. The properties will be managed to protect significant urban wildlife habitat, provide opportunities for low-impact public use and outdoor environmental education, and provide vital open space, landscape and wildlife habitat connections, and scenic vistas. (08-1181)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$2,600,000**
Developing a New Campground at Kanaskat-Palmer State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to build a road system, 55 campsites, an amphitheater, a complete water system, a partial electrical system including power to the amphitheater, four toilets, trails, and a storm water management system at Kanaskat-Palmer State Park. (08-1849)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$998,382**
Renovating Lake Sammamish State Park's Sunset Beach

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to renovate the Sunset Beach swimming area, including replacement of sand, improved grass, new swimming access for people with disabilities, new children's interpretive feature, and shoreline restoration. The grant also will help complete construction documents and permit acquisition. Built in 1951, the once enormously popular swimming area is virtually unusable. Weeds have overtaken the sand and the underwater surface is pocked with sink holes. (08-1771) **Would be partially funded at \$59,500**

Kitsap County **\$11,533,721**

Bremerton **\$3,000,000**
Expanding Bremerton Boardwalk Trail

Bremerton will use this grant to build a half-mile, overwater boardwalk that connects to the existing Louis Mentor Boardwalk at the south end and the 11th Street-to-Evergreen Park segment of the boardwalk trail at the north end. The project as a whole creates a series of loop trails along its length, increasing the city's waterfront access by 50

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percent. The boardwalk will be 20 to 28 feet wide and will accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, and people with disabilities. The Boardwalk Trail is the first segment of the Regional Mosquito Fleet Trail constructed in Bremerton. By connecting two popular recreation areas – the Harborside area in the city center and Evergreen Park to the north – the Boardwalk will enhance the recreational opportunities afforded by these two areas and improve safety by reducing pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the city's downtown. The city will contribute \$9,535,867 in cash, council bonds, cash donations, and a federal grant. (08-1668)

Bremerton **\$500,000**

Expanding Evergreen Park and Restoring the Shoreline

Bremerton will use this grant to expand Evergreen Park by 1.56 acres and complete the park development. Work will include restoring 700 feet of shoreline, creating a beach to provide much-needed access to the water, and developing additional parking to relieve the pressure on existing parking lots and streets. This is the final project required to redevelop blighted properties surrounding the park. This park complex is Bremerton's premier park with the highest use, notwithstanding athletic fields. Evergreen Park is bordered to the north and west by neighborhoods and small businesses that have been revitalization recently. The city recently acquired two properties on the southern limit of the park. Integration of these sites into the park will remove the final blighted property in this area. The city will contribute \$1,681,217 in cash, cash donations, and state, federal and private grants. This was the top ranked project of 76 competing for funding in the local parks category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1669)

Kitsap County **\$1,000,000**

Completing the Purchase of North Kitsap Heritage Park

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 376 acres, completing the acquisition of the North Kitsap Heritage Park. It is the only heritage park in the northern half of the county. Heritage parks are at least 500 acres and preserve environmentally sensitive areas while allowing for active uses and trails. Kitsap County will contribute \$1,151,550 in cash and labor. (08-1429)

Kitsap County **\$490,000**

Developing Norwegian Point Park

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop the shoreline of the 5-acre Norwegian Point Park in the northern part of the county for activities including fishing, beachcombing, bird watching, and boating. The park is at the

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eastern end of the 4-mile Hansville Greenway Trail that connects to the eastern shore of Hood Canal. Kitsap County will contribute \$490,000 in cash and donated labor. (08-1349)

Kitsap County

\$41,868

Developing the Clear Creek Meadows Trail

The Kitsap County Public Works Department will use this grant to extend and improve the Clear Creek Trail in two places. The central Kitsap County trail runs 5 miles through wetland meadows and forests, flanking a salmon stream in the heart of Silverdale. The county, partnering with the Great Peninsula Conservancy, will extend the trail 600 feet at the Ponds Wetland site in a natural swale of wild rose-spirea-bulrush, completing a 2007 trail extension near recently constructed storm water retention ponds. Crews will add educational signs, a picnic table, and benches at this new section. At the North Meadow site, a 40-foot wooden bridge will re-join sections that were separated in 2006 by a wetlands project that realigned a tributary of Clear Creek. The new trail will be fully accessible by people with disabilities. The county will contribute \$43,700 in donations of labor and materials. (08-1812)

Kitsap County

\$500,000

Developing the South Kitsap Community Park

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to develop the South Kitsap Community Park by adding a new and expanded children's playground, a skate park, and a new ball field. The county also will relocate and expand three existing baseball fields; incorporate an all-weather turf, regulation-size soccer field; and realign interior park roads, parking, and paths accessing trails to the wooded areas. The 200-acre South Kitsap Community Park was transferred from the South Kitsap Park District to the county in 2007. The county will contribute \$1,091,000. (08-1337)

Kitsap County

\$307,550

Protecting the Carpenter Creek Wildlife Corridor

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 22.35 acres of one of the most critical wetlands, protecting the riparian areas of Carpenter Creek and Carpenter Lake near Kingston. The land is home to dozens of species of birds and waterfowl including great blue herons, bald eagles, osprey, hawks, ducks, and cormorants. It is part of a larger corridor that runs from Indianola north to Hansville and is populated with many mammals, amphibians, and migratory birds. With the recent expansion of the Kingston urban growth area to include the lower half of this watershed, development opportunities increase, making this riparian corridor a critical acquisition.

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The watershed is home to coho salmon, cutthroat trout, and Puget Sound Chinook. Kitsap County will contribute \$307,550 in cash and donated land. (08-1718)

Port of Manchester **\$100,000**
Developing Manchester Shoreline Access

The Port of Manchester will use this grant to restore 210 feet of waterfront to enhance public access and safety. The port owns Pomeroy Park, a small park with picnic areas. The beach has been eroding, cutting into the park. Hazardous creosote pilings make access unsafe, and future use is compromised by unstable site conditions. Despite the poor condition of the beach access, the site is heavily used. Work will include removing old creosote pilings and a former bulkhead and installing large woody debris and native vegetation to improve beach habitat. Manchester dock and these beaches provide access to the saltwater as well as the only boat launch facilities near Blake Island State Park and Manchester. The site also is on the Cascadia Marine Trail and serves numerous recreational and sport fishing boats near retail shops, restaurants, and stores. The port will contribute \$120,350 from a state grant, equipment, and donated labor. (08-1813)

Port Orchard **\$300,000**
Renovating Paul Powers Park

Port Orchard will use this grant to renovate a 4-acre, mostly undeveloped park in the center of a rapidly growing neighborhood. The city will install new playground equipment; create a 1/3-mile trail; install interpretive signs in the woods where old-growth trees and wildlife exist; create a flat, open meadow for informal games; build a restroom and picnic facilities; expand the entrance; and increase parking. Currently, the park is without a restroom and the well-used children's playground consists of aging, obsolete, and unsafe swings, slide, and teeter-totters. The city will use former public works properties to expand the entry, playground, and parking areas, and the adjacent freshly-painted, green city water tower will bear the name Paul Powers Park as a landmark near the new entrance. The city is partnering with MOMS, SK Rotary, the First Baptist Church, the Homebuilders Association, and the Boys & Girls Club. The city will contribute \$349,907 in equipment, labor, a state grant, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. (08-1801)

Port of Silverdale **\$45,112**
Building a Sailboat Storage Float in Silverdale

The Port of Silverdale will use this grant to build a float to accommodate a fleet of small sailboats stored at the north end of Dyes Inlet at Silverdale, providing quicker and safer

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water access for a very popular sailing program. The Kitsap Sailing and Rowing Foundation teaches sailing skills and at each sailing session, students hand wheel their sailboats on small trailers to the port's boat launch from a fenced storage yard. This time-consuming launch and retrieval process occupies the boat launch used by power boaters and exposes students to the risk of collisions with vehicles. The port will build six floats, locked together to measure 24 feet by 40 feet, and add a gated ramp to the existing large float near the fixed pier, to store the sailboats during the sailing season. In winter, the individual floats will be separated and stored. This will provide easy access to the water, less congestion at the boat ramp, and more safety for students. The port will contribute \$45,112 from a state grant and cash donations. (08-1821)

Poulsbo

\$240,114

Developing College Marketplace Ball Fields

Poulsbo will use this grant to create two, multi-use ball fields on 6.5 acres in College Marketplace, a newly annexed part of the city. Work will include installing drainage, irrigation, grass, and landscaping. The fields will host organized youth and adult soccer and lacrosse and a preschool sports program. Currently, all Poulsbo's community athletic programs are conducted on school properties, but the demand for fields far outweighs availability. The city will contribute \$240,115 in cash and donations of equipment and labor. (08-1600)

Washington Department of Natural Resources

\$1,586,025

Preserving the Stavis and Kitsap Forest Natural Areas

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 88 acres in the 4,300-acre Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve near Bremerton. Development threatens these properties, which are a crucial part of an area that contains the highest quality occurrence of a rare forest community type and a variety of high quality wildlife habitats. More than 98 percent of similar forests more than 100 years old in the Puget Trough ecoregion have been lost since European settlement. The project area is one part of a much larger area of managed forestlands on the western Kitsap Peninsula that form one of the most important landscapes for biodiversity conservation in the Puget Trough. Stavis Creek, which runs through the site, is one of the best remaining Hood Canal salmon spawning habitats and is a designated recovery area for Hood Canal summer chum, which are threatened with extinction. The site also hosts an active bald eagle nest, a small great blue heron rookery, breeding mountain quail, Chinook salmon, cougar, and black bear. (08-1182)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$3,423,052**
Protecting the Stavis and Kitsap Forest Natural Areas

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 124.7 acres in the Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve near Bremerton. Development threatens the land. The conservation area surrounds the preserve and creates a 4,395-acre site that includes freshwater wetlands, riparian habitat, estuaries, shorelines, and an old-growth forest. (08-1183)

Kittitas County **\$3,869,951**

Cle Elum **\$100,000**
Renovating Ponderosa Park

Cle Elum will use this grant to build restrooms and replace the playground structure at Ponderosa Park. There are no restrooms in any of the city's parks, which was identified as a need by the city's parks plan. Additionally, the children's playground is quite aged and potentially unsafe. The playground structure will be built to accommodate a wide age range and people with disabilities. The city will contribute \$119,879. (08-1652)

Kittitas County **\$650,425**
Preserving Triple Creek Ranch

Kittitas County will use this grant to buy the development rights on 200 acres of prime farmland, known as the Triple Creek Ranch. The same family has owned the 400-acre farm for 66 years and raises hay and cattle. The landowners are resisting development pressures and partnering with Kittitas County, the Cascade Land Conservancy, the Yakama Nation, and the Washington Rivers Conservancy to conserve their farm. Triple Creek Ranch has rich riparian habitat in Upper Wilson Creek, a critical wildlife corridor for the valley. Kittitas County will contribute \$1.3 million in labor, donated land, and local and federal grants. (08-1323)

Kittitas County **\$175,500**
Protecting the Organic Wade Road Farm

Kittitas County and the Cascade Land Conservancy will use this grant to buy a conservation easement on 42 acres of organic farmland, known as the Wade Road Farm, protecting one of the only organic farms in the county and its riverfront lands from residential development. The owners, who have managed the farm for years without chemical pesticides and fertilizers, must sell. The farm borders the Yakima River and

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provides habitat for local wildlife. A local organic farmer will buy the land and continue organic seed and food production. Kittitas County will contribute \$199,000 in labor and private and federal grants. (08-1324)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$90,094
Abandoning Colockum Road

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to close and abandon two roads that run along streams in the Colockum Wildlife Area. Crews will install gates and berms to 1.75 miles of Stray Gulch Road and 2.5 miles of Tekison Creek Road, closing them to motorized vehicles. The roads will be open for hiking, horseback riding, and other non-motorized uses. This project is part of a larger effort to improve water quality, reduce erosion, and improve fish passage. The Stray Gulch and Tekison Creek drainages are steep-walled, rugged valleys that drain towards the Columbia River. The creeks have begun to erode the roads, forcing people to drive in the creeks. Plants are overtaking the roads making vehicle access difficult. These drainages are important habitats for steelhead, salmon, mule deer, Rocky Mountain elk, golden eagles, and Merriam's turkey. (08-1528)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$324,932
Improving the Teanaway Junction Access Would be partially funded at \$317,205

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Teanaway Junction Access Area on the Yakima River, just east of Cle Elum and upstream from the confluence of the Yakima and Teanaway Rivers. Work will include providing maintenance on the existing boat ramp, replacing the toilet, adding gravel to the road and parking area, installing new signs, removing a derelict boat ramp, creating a 50-foot buffer, and replanting portions of the parking lot to stabilize the bank. The upper Yakima River provides a "blue-ribbon" trout fishery and is heavily used by anglers and recreational floaters but the nearest sites to access the river are about 12 miles away. (08-1484)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$2,400,000
Protecting the Heart of the Cascades

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 5,185 acres of privately owned land in the Wenatchee National Forest and adjacent to the Wenas Wildlife Area and state forest lands. The entire Heart of the Cascades Project seeks to protect 16 square miles of rich and diverse habitats on the eastern slope of the central Cascade Mountains near Yakima. Four watersheds also have their headwaters there.

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The department has secured a \$3.6 million dollar federal grant, and state funds are required as match. (08-1508)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$129,000
Restoring Parke Creek

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to remove weeds and replant up to 200 acres of degraded shrub-steppe and riparian habitat in the Parke Creek and Little Parke Creek drainage area. Livestock grazing, off-road vehicle travel, and logging have damaged the land and allowed weeds and undesirable grasses to establish. Shrub-steppe is a declining habitat that plays a vital role for wildlife, including sage grouse, Washington ground squirrel, sage thrasher, sage sparrow, Brewer's sparrow, loggerhead shrike, and ferruginous hawk. Restoring the Parke Creek area will contribute to recovery efforts for sage grouse, which is a state threatened species. Without restoration, invasive species likely will expand their range, further degrading the remaining shrub-steppe habitat. The department will contribute \$8,500 in equipment and labor. (08-1530)

Klickitat County.....\$3,421,242

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$91,927
Expanding the Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 50 acres to expand the Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve. This site is on the crest of the Columbia Hills at the east end of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. It contains the largest remnant of one of Washington's rarest types of grassland ecosystems, as well as the state's largest populations of three rare plant species: obscure buttercup, Douglas' draba, and hot-rock penstemon. Oak-pine woodlands, basalt cliffs, and a number of natural springs add to the diversity of habitats found on this large site. A rich and well-documented history, as well as exquisite panoramic views, contribute to this site's significance. A primitive road that climbs 2.5 miles to the ridge-crest is open for hikers. (08-1176)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$1,672,440
Expanding Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 300 acres to expand the Trout Lake Natural Area Preserve. The preserve encompasses one of the

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two highest quality freshwater wetland ecosystems left in south-central Washington and provides critical habitat for a variety of wildlife at risk of extinction. The preserve is comprised of more than 70 percent wetlands and is considered a unique and invaluable area by amphibian experts; it supports one of only six Oregon spotted frog (state endangered) populations in Washington. It is a staging area for the sandhill crane (state endangered) and a winter roost site for bald eagle (state sensitive). The wetland system is part of the Pacific Flyway, supporting a large number of Neo-tropical migratory birds. The preserve is part of an essential movement corridor for a large elk herd and is an important wintering habitat for black-tailed deer. A variety of other wildlife species use the area, including black bear, river otter, coyotes, and beaver. The lands proposed for acquisition support one of the two largest populations of the state threatened pale blue-eyed grass (federal candidate species), the largest Washington population of the rare Pulsifers monkey-flower, and the only recently known occurrence of the state threatened Parry's knotweed. (08-1184)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Protecting Klickitat White Oak

\$731,950

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 250 acres, known as the Klickitat Oaks parcel, which contains riparian, forested wetland, Oregon white oak, mixed forest, and open meadow habitats. The purchase will protect 1.5 miles of Klickitat River shoreline and side channel habitat for Chinook, mid-Columbia steelhead, and coho salmon. The area also is core habitat for Western gray squirrels, which are listed by the state as threatened with extinction. Finally, the property contains floodplains and forested wetlands, which are limited in the area because of the deeply incised canyons with narrow valley floors. (08-1510)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Protecting Klickitat Steppe

\$703,185

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 600 acres, protecting the last remaining steppe lands in the county. The land contains Swale Creek, a steelhead stream, cliffs, a wetland, and intact grassland communities. It is a magnet for raptors including: peregrine and prairie falcons, golden and bald eagles, and the ferruginous hawk, which is listed by the state as threatened with extinction. The land also hosts the Dalles Mountain buttercup, a plant found nowhere else in the world. The purchase will shore up a crucial link between the Columbia Hills State Park and Columbia Hills Natural Area Preserve to the south and the Klickitat Wildlife Area and Columbia Land Trust properties along the Klickitat River. These combined properties create the largest and most diverse conservation area in the county at more than

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25,000 acres. Other functional, arid habitats have been taken over by wind turbines and farms. (08-1516)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$221,740**
Repairing Vaux's Swift Chimney Habitat

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to repair a chimney that is used by Vaux's swifts for nesting. The chimney is part of an abandoned icehouse on property purchased by the department in 1973. The Vaux's swifts use this structure as a communal roost. The swifts are a candidate for the state's list of at-risk species. The shell of the icehouse is intact but the windows and door have been sealed to prevent people from entering. Repair of 6 feet of the chimney is needed to preserve the most important habitat feature of the building. (08-1533)

Lewis County..... \$507,900

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$207,900**
Eradicating Chehalis River Brazilian Elodea

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to improve water quality in the Chehalis River by eradicating the invasive plant, Brazilian elodea. The plant is infesting the river over more than 15 miles and degrading fish habitat. Crews will remove plants on a projected 18 acres. The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation also will expand their removal efforts downriver. On the Chehalis River, dissolved oxygen increased by 8 percent after the weed was removed. The department will contribute \$10,000. (08-1846)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$300,000**
Paving the Chehalis to Adna Segment of the Willapa Hills Trail

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to pave 1.5 miles of trail to complete and open the 4.7-mile segment of trail between Chehalis and Adna. The Willapa Hills Trail is a 56-mile-long rail trail that runs from Chehalis to South Bend, the western terminus of the proposed cross-state trail. Currently most of the trail is closed to the public because of the 2007 flood damage to the rail-bed, trestles, and bridges. (08-1361)

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Mason County\$10,115,165

Mason County \$275,000

Acquiring Land Along Goldsborough Creek

Mason County Parks and Trails Department, along with the Capitol Land Trust, will use this grant to buy 10 acres of waterfront property along Goldsborough Creek near Shelton. An interpretative trail on the property has provided access to Goldsborough Creek for years. The owner is willing to sell the property and one of the potential buyers is an adjoining auto dealership. The county and land trust want to buy the property to protect it and to provide minimal recreation. Mason County will contribute \$280,000 in cash and a state grant. (08-1689)

Mason County \$353,000

Developing Oakland Bay County Park

Mason County will use this grant to develop parking, a restroom, and roads in the 82-acre Oakland Bay County Park. Purchased in 2005, the park is undeveloped except for an entry road and a 1890s home. Crews will improve the county access road and park entry road and develop a small parking lot that includes a bus turnaround, kiosk, and restroom. Mason County will contribute \$357,000 in cash, labor, and donated labor. (08-1061)

Mason County \$400,000

Renovating the Mason County Recreation Area

Mason County will use this grant to improve the 30-acre Mason County Recreation Area Park near Shelton. The sports complex was developed in the late 1970s and has not had any significant improvements since then. The county will pave gravel areas, improve existing entry paths, renovate restrooms, install field lighting on two fields, upgrade field irrigation, and replace the bleachers. The recreation area is one of the county's most used facilities, hosting local youth leagues and regional and state tournaments. Mason County will contribute \$409,500 in cash and labor. (08-1066)

Port of Allyn \$299,250

Expanding the Allyn Waterfront Park

The Port of Allyn will use this grant to buy 1.1 acres, including 80 feet on the north bay of Case Inlet, adjacent to an existing waterfront park. Mason County has indicated interest in turning Eberhart Street over to the port for this project, increasing the park to 140 feet of shoreline. The port will clear small sheds and a fence from the property and restore it to a more natural state. Work includes installing a new fence, moving the

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parking further away from the shoreline, grading, adding trails, and possibly installing a retaining wall. This highly popular park was built by the community almost 30 years ago and has tremendous public support for its continued improvement. The Community Association and individuals have committed to donate labor and materials for demolition and landscaping. The Port of Allyn has the only developed parks lining the shores of Case Inlet. The port will contribute \$365,750 in equipment, labor, materials, a state grant, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials (08-1888)

Shelton

\$320,000

Acquiring Eagle Point Land

Shelton will use this grant to buy 14 acres of prime waterfront on Oakland Bay for a community park. The property offers an easy shallow cove for launching canoes, kayaks, and other small, non-motorized boats into Oakland Bay. This will be the first and only public waterfront access to the bay in Shelton; most of the waterfront is taken by lumber mills. The property includes .3 mile feet on Oakland Bay and more than 4 acres of tidelands, which host shellfish and important feeding habitat for coho, steelhead, and cutthroat salmon. The wooded setting also offers opportunities for beachcombing, picnicking, and viewing wildlife, marine traffic in and out of Shelton's historic working waterfront, and Mount Rainier. Shelton will contribute \$320,000 from two state grants and donations of cash. (08-1273)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Protecting John's Creek Prairie and Estuary**

\$2,764,200

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 76 acres of estuary and Puget Sound oak prairie at Oakland Bay near Shelton. The estuary is important rearing habitat for Puget Sound Chinook, which are threatened with extinction; wintering habitat for waterfowl; and foraging grounds for declining shorebirds. It also contains shellfish beds, an important food source for declining seaduck populations. Because of its unique formation in the last ice age, the property contains the only location in Puget Sound where oak prairie abuts the marine shoreline and salt marsh. Chum and coho salmon spawn in this section of John's Creek. Currently, there is no legal access to the fishing location and the purchase will allow public access. The acquisition also will protect the land from residential subdivision, which is being proposed. Work will include restoring the prairie-oak functions on the golf course. (08-1511)

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$1,406,265**
Protecting Lynch Cove Estuary

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 170 acres of wetlands on the Tahuya Peninsula near Belfair for protection of habitat for wildlife, including five species of salmon. With adjacent land owned by the department and land trusts, the project will protect more than 540 acres, nearly the entire Lynch Cove estuary. There are five species of salmon using the area, including Hood Canal summer chum and Chinook, which are threatened with extinction. They both depend upon shallow, near shore waters such as estuaries to hide from predators and feed. In addition to salmon, more than 15,000 ducks, geese, and brant winter in Lynch Cove. This is one of the most important winter waterfowl areas in Hood Canal and south Puget Sound. The parcels in this acquisition are smaller, undeveloped home sites. (08-1512)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$1,747,200**
Expanding Ink Blot and Shumocher Creek Natural Area Preserves

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 168.5 acres to protect wetlands and adjacent uplands in two state natural area preserves – Ink Blot and Shumocher Creek. These preserves contain three imperiled wetland and bog ecosystems and seven very rare or high quality occurrences of wetland plant communities. One of the plant communities found on Shumocher Creek Preserve, the Sitka alder/skunk cabbage-water parsley community, has a very restricted geographic range; it is only found in the Puget Trough ecoregion and is critically imperiled globally. At both sites, the grant will help buy land that contains the rare and high quality wetlands or that border the wetlands. (08-1179)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$2,550,250**
Acquiring Land on Harstine Island

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 112 acres on Harstine Island to protect the riparian areas and provide recreation facilities to serve the growing population of south Puget Sound. Acquisition will connect Harstine Island State Park to other public tidelands, creating 2 miles of shoreline open to the public. It also will provide an upland access for McMicken Island State Park, which you can get to only by boat. The property is rich in habitat, containing four salmon streams, nearly 10 acres of wetlands, a beach, bluffs, pocket estuaries, and a forest. At low tide, a sand spit, or tombolo, connects the beach to McMicken Island. The tidelands are rich with seabirds, marine mammals, and shellfish including mussels, geoduck, horse, manila, and butter and littleneck clams. State Parks will contribute \$2,550,250 from a federal grant. (08-1330)

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Okanogan County \$15,990,495

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Preserving Rangeland at Nelson’s Ranch

Okanogan County will use this grant to buy a permanent agricultural easement to protect 1,026 acres of working rangeland at Nelson’s Ranch. Five generations have worked this ranch for 108 years. It is one of the few remaining in the Okanogan Highlands and contributes significantly to the agricultural economy of the county. The ranch has high biological and historical value. Muskrat Lake and several springs on the property create outstanding habitat for migratory birds and waterfowl. About 60 percent of the soils are classified as soils of statewide importance. Nelson Ranch has scenic vistas visible from two county roads. Protection of Nelson Ranch will be the first example of preservation of large working lands in the Okanogan Highlands and will ensure family succession and continued cattle ranching operations. The easement will be co-held by Okanogan County and the Okanogan Valley Land Council and will restrict subdivision and residential development. The county will contribute \$646,350 in donations of cash, labor, and materials, and a federal grant. (08-1238)

Okanogan County \$395,908
Protecting Lower Methow Farmland

Okanogan County will use this grant to buy permanent development rights on the 80-acre Stennes farm in the lower Methow Valley. The Stennes family bought the land as a homestead more than 100 years ago and has been farming it for four generations. The family grows organic pears on 45 acres. In addition to farmland, the property contains important riverfront areas along a half-mile section of the Methow River, shrub-steppe, and habitat for animals at risk of extinction, including salmon, bald eagles, and western gray squirrels. The project is part of a farmland protection partnership between the county and the Methow Conservancy, a local land trust. The county will contribute \$395,908 in cash donations. (08-1373)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$328,800
Improving Habitat on Pogue Mountain

Would be partially funded at \$262,122

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to selectively thin about 700 acres of forest in the 1,197 Pogue Mountain Unit and 100 acres in the adjacent 164-acre Big Green and Little Green Access Areas. The units are within 3 miles of Omak and Okanogan. At present, the forests are dense with small diameter trees, have a thick forest canopy and limited ground cover, and are encroaching into

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shrub-steppe habitats. This project will improve wildlife habitat and diversity, improve the health and vigor of the remaining trees, minimize infestations of invasive species, limit the destruction of wildfires, and provide greater recreational opportunities for the public. (08-1610)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$3,500,000
Preserving the Methow Watershed

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to acquire 1,070 acres of critical riparian and shrub-steppe habitat, including more than a half mile of stream frontage, in the Methow watershed. Acquisitions will be made by buying the land directly or purchasing conservation easements. The project will protect cross-valley corridors for animal movement; conserve the upper valley's largest privately held block of shrub-steppe habitat, which is critical for sharp-tailed grouse recovery in the watershed; protect more than 40 priority habitats and species; and enhance fishing, hunting, and watchable wildlife opportunities. The grant will provide a state match for federal funding. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1505)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$1,821,050
Protecting McLoughlin Falls

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 430 acres, including 100 acres of critical riparian and wetland habitat and 2.5 miles of Okanogan River shoreline. The department will either by the land or conservation easements. The purchase will conserve the last, undeveloped stretch of the Okanogan River, which provides critical habitat for at-risk fish. The land also is home for almost 40 habitats and species, including upper Columbia River summer steelhead, spring Chinook salmon, bull trout, migratory songbirds, and rare carnivores. (08-1513)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$4,600,000
Protecting Okanogan-Similkameen Area

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to acquire 4,130 acres between Omak and the Canadian border for critical riparian, shrub-steppe, and dry forest wildlife habitat, including more than 10 miles of waterfront. Acquisitions will be made by buying the land directly or purchasing conservation easements. The project will protect the most viable wildlife movement corridor linking the north Cascade Mountains and Kettle/Selkirk ecosystems. It also will maintain the only low-elevation corridor linking the Columbia basin with the remaining endangered shrub-steppe-grassland habitats in Canada. This project is part of an 80,000-acre, multi-phase land

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conservation effort. It will protect habitat for almost 80 internationally recognized at-risk species. The grant will provide the state's match to federal funding. (08-1502)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$778,632**
Restoring the Sinlahekin Ecosystem Through Fire

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to thin, prune, pile, and burn areas in the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area, which is dependent on fire for a healthy ecosystem. Fire, a key ecological process, has been excluded for nearly 100 years. Fire and its byproducts help maintain a mosaic of plant communities, in various stages of succession across the landscape. The project will improve conditions for many wildlife, including flammulated owls, pygmy nuthatches, and white-headed woodpeckers. Also, the project will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, rejuvenate mule deer winter range, improve forest health, and provide jobs. The department will contribute \$75,000 from a federal grant. This was the top ranked project of 21 competing for funding in category of state lands restoration of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1524)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$175,000**
Relocating the Loomis Natural Resources Conservation Area Trail

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to complete trail restoration on portions of the Snowshoe and Olallie trails within the Loomis Natural Resources Conservation Area. Crews will add turnpikes, clear 4.3 miles of trail, install drainage structures, and resurface about 1 mile of trail. Many trail segments need to be relocated because they go through wet areas within riparian or wetland zones or are on unstable slopes. The Loomis conservation area is comprised of 24,700 acres within Loomis State Forest and includes 45 miles of user-built trails and 10 miles of roads used as trails. Volunteers from the Backcountry Horsemen, Pacific Northwest Trails Association, and Washington State Snowmobile Association will contribute labor. (08-1405)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$2,000,000**
Acquiring a Golf Course to Protect Pearrygin Lake State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 342.48 acres outside Pearrygin Lake State Park to provide a buffer for the park. This property acquisition is important in connecting the state park with significant blocks of public lands through the Bear Creek corridor in an effort to provide year-round recreational, cultural, and natural resource opportunities and to preserve the views. Pearrygin Lake State Park is a 962-acre camping park on Pearrygin Lake, 4 miles north

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of Winthrop. The Hill-golf course properties consists of 342.48 acres south of the park with outstanding views of the lake. A portion of the property is a nine-hole golf course with the remainder undeveloped. The owners plan to expand the golf course to 18 holes, which would be visible from the park. (08-1884)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$775,055**
Developing a Swim Beach at Pearrygin Lake State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to build a swimming beach at the newly expanded Pearrygin Lake State Park, one of the state's premier destination camping parks and Methow Valley regional tourist attraction. The agency will construct a sand beach with a grassy area, access to the water for people with disabilities, and a bathhouse. (08-1268)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$1,000,000**
Expanding Pearrygin Lake State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to build a new park entrance, entrance road that connects the expansion area with the established park, parking areas, a park office and visitor contact station, a picnic shelter, trails, a playground, restrooms, a trailer dump station, and landscaping. State Parks will contribute \$1,526,553. This was the top ranked project of 11 competing for funding in the state parks category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1266)

Pacific County **\$7,919,832**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$40,500**
Enhancing Habitat for the Silverspot Butterfly

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to grow, over two years, the state endangered plant species, *Sanicula arctopoides* (footsteps of spring), for planting in an area just north of Long Beach. Work also will include removing trees and weeds to expand violet meadows for the Oregon silverspot butterfly, which is on the federal list of species threatened with extinction. This area was the last place that the Oregon silverspot butterfly was sighted in Washington: it now is considered extinct in the state. The project uses college students, who work in a nursery to propagate and grow rare native plants, and travel to the meadow to weed, plant, and collect seed. The department will contribute \$6,000 in federal funding. (08-1537)

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Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$883,312**
Expanding the Bone River and Niawiakum River Natural Area Preserves

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 336 acres in two coastal natural area preserves that include the Bone and Niawiakum Rivers. These coastal wetland and estuary ecosystems are among the highest quality examples remaining of native, coastal salt marsh communities in Washington. The superb wetlands of these preserves are recognized as national priorities for protection, as evidenced by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants awarded for coastal wetland acquisition at both sites. This grant will help purchase the remaining undeveloped lands, which are threatened with residential development. (08-1175)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$2,479,345**
Acquiring Eagle's Nest Resort to Expand Cape Disappointment State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy about 40 acres of the Eagle's Nest RV Resort to replace campgrounds in Cape Disappointment State Park that will be consumed by the ocean over time. A coastal erosion study completed by the Washington Department of Ecology estimates that 90 of the park's 240 campsites will be lost to beach erosion. The resort's western portion abuts Cape Disappointment State Park's eastern boundary and contains about 115 campsites and amenities, such as utilities, showers, and a restroom. (08-1364)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$2,516,675**
Expanding Loomis Lake State Parks

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 123 acres to expand Loomis Lake State Park. The land is for sale and could support 35 homes. Loomis Lake State Park encompasses nearly 250 acres along the shoreline of Loomis Lake on the Long Beach peninsula. It abuts 300 acres purchased by the Columbia Land Trust for its intact mature forest and wetlands. This acquisition would protect this valuable habitat. (08-1363)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$2,000,000**
Protecting Seaview Dunes **Would be partially funded at \$1,709,325**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 10.5 acres, including 870 feet of ocean waterfront. The land is zoned for development. The Seaview Dunes area of the Long Beach Peninsula provides one of the most spectacular views along the Washington coast and has long received local protection. However, local zoning allowed a handful of sites to be residential, and these now are proposed for

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development. Acquisition of these lands is part of a multi-year plan to obtain property along the southern portion of the Long Beach Peninsula in the Seview Dunes area.
(08-1808)

Pend Oreille County.....\$6,472,252

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$6,472,252
Preserving the West Branch Little Spokane River

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 1,700 acres of the west branch of the Little Spokane River. The property is 30 miles north of Spokane and is adjacent to 1,079 acres of highly diverse habitats including streams, riparian, wetlands, lakes, beaver ponds, cottonwood galleries, aspen groves, and forests, already owned by the department. The area is relatively unique to Eastern Washington and Pend Oreille County because it provides such a large contiguous area of healthy riparian and wetlands at low elevation. The land is home to a variety of wildlife, including many declining populations, such as bald eagles, Townsend’s big-eared bat, northern goshawk, western toad, Columbia spotted frog, and pygmy whitefish. The property also provides access to the West Branch Little Spokane River, Horseshoe Lake, and Fan Lake. This was the top ranked project of 16 competing for funding in the critical habitat category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1504)

Pierce County.....\$16,086,769

DuPont \$252,568
Building the DuPont Skate Park

DuPont will use this grant to build an 11,000-square-foot skate park that will accommodate a variety of skating types and skill levels. The skate park will include simulated street features such as hand rails, ramps, steps, and grinding rails, all of which will surround a central, flat-topped pyramid skate structure. The skate park is adjacent to PowderWorks Park and across the street from Pioneer Middle School. The city will contribute \$252,568. (08-1758)

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Edgewood

\$1,150,555

Developing the Interurban Trail and Trail Head

Edgewood will use this grant to build .63 mile of the 12-foot-wide, paved Interurban Trail. Work will include enhancing a wetland and habitat, building a wildlife viewing shelter and interpretive displays, and installing seating. Crews also will add a boardwalk, covered picnic table, benches, a kiosk, signs, and additional parking at the Trailhead Park. Edgewood's segment is a missing link in the Interurban-Green River Trail system and eventually will provide connection between Milton and Pacific. The project is supported by Milton, Pacific, Pierce and King Counties, and both local and regional bicycle and trails organizations. The city will contribute \$1,150,555 in cash, voter-approved levy, and donations of labor and materials. (08-1566)

Gig Harbor

\$602,205

Improving Eddon Boat Park

Gig Harbor will use this grant to improve Eddon Boat Park, which provides the only sandy beach in the city with panoramic views of Gig Harbor bay. The city will create a bowl-like slope to the shore, build a boardwalk and two observation landings with sidewalks, and provide direct access to the water. The city also will add park benches, landscaping, interpretive signs, a water feature, and areas for photography, shorebird viewing, and picnicking. The park will provide a landing for hand-powered watercraft. The city also will improve the environment, by adding clean sand and gravel above and below the tide line to restore natural tidal inundation and re-establish a self-sustaining shoreline. Planting the channel will cool water temperatures and create a pocket estuary. The land was slated for development until voters approved a bond to buy the site for a waterfront park. Gig Harbor will contribute \$602,205 in council bonds. (08-1019)

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

\$525,000

Protecting Dutcher Cove

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 14.4 acres of Dutcher Cove, an estuary on Case Inlet in south Puget Sound. The park district is working with the Trust for Public Land and Washington Department of Ecology to conserve this valuable habitat, which includes 13.4 acres of forests, .5 acre of riparian, and .5 acre of wetland. Chinook, chum, coho, cutthroat, and steelhead use the cove for resting and feeding. There is an abundance of shellfish, including geoducks, clams, and oysters that, with fish populations, feed the eagles, kingfishers, herons, mergansers, diving ducks, and gulls. The acquisition will ensure the public has access to the waterfront in an area with few beach access points. The property also will be included in a marine

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trail system. The park district will contribute \$625,000 in cash, a federal grant, and cash donations. (08-1280)

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District \$120,000
Purchasing Minter Creek Property

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 8 acres at Minter Creek. The land will provide access to a prime chum salmon fishing area as well as serve as a canoe and kayak launching spot and trail head for a water trail. Buying the land also will preserve the pristine estuarine, riparian, and upland habitat surrounding the creek by preventing damage from housing development. Lastly, the purchase will allow the park district to work with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide education, habitat protection, and trail connectivity. The park district will contribute \$120,000 in cash. (08-1124)

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District \$486,750
Renovating Volunteer Park

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to develop a lit, multi-purpose turf field at Volunteer Park on the Key Peninsula. Volunteer Park has only three fields, and is the only sports complex serving the 18,000 residents on the peninsula. The nearest turf fields are 12 miles away. Construction of a new field will maximize the undeveloped portion of the park, adding much needed field capacity and flexibility to an underserved community. The park district will contribute \$486,750. (08-1263)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District \$1,206,247
Developing the Cushman-Scott Pierson Trails Connector

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy the 9-acre Narrowsgate property for a trail connection between two regional trails and to serve as a trail head with a restroom and picnic area. The grant also will develop a half-mile trail connector between the Cushman Trail and the Scott Pierson Trail on the Gig Harbor side of the new Narrows Bridge. The Narrowsgate property is owned by the Washington Department of Transportation and was used during the construction of the new bridge. If the property is not acquired, it will be sold for commercial business use. The district will contribute \$1,206,247. (08-1774)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District \$369,350
Expanding Wollochet Bay Estuary Park

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy nearly 4 acres of waterfront near the 18-acre Wollochet Bay Estuary Park. The land includes a

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maintenance shop, boat launch, dock, tidelands, and undeveloped waterfront on the estuary. Wollochet Bay Estuary Park is unique in the park district and provides valuable salmon and wildlife habitat needing protection. The park district will contribute \$369,350. (08-1235)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park District **\$693,800**
Preserving Knight Forest **Would be partially funded at \$16,040**

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy the 18-acre Knight Forest adjacent to Harbor Family Park on the Gig Harbor peninsula. The property is on the primary road to Fox Island. By acquiring this land, the district will help meet the needs for parks and open space within the service area. The surrounding area is the most densely populated area of the peninsula outside of Gig Harbor. The current owners are selling the property for residential development. The park district will contribute \$693,800 in cash donations and conservation futures¹⁶. (08-1293)

Peninsula Metropolitan Park **\$500,000**
Renovating Hales Pass

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to renovate the 4-acre Hales Pass Park with improvements to the ball field and the addition of play equipment, a basketball half-court, ropes course, amenities, and improved access for people with disabilities. The new equipment will include both pre-school and grade school play structures. This renovation will enable the facility to serve a greater spectrum of users with greater safety, better public access, and improved parking. The park district will contribute \$516,476. (08-1404)

Pierce County **\$246,200**
Acquiring Victor Falls Viewpoint

Pierce County Parks and Recreation will use this grant to buy 3.25 acres adjacent to Victor Falls near Bonney Lake as a local park for viewing the unique falls, which drop 100 feet into a fern-filled ravine in the Puyallup Valley. Several dangerous, informal trails have been created off of Rhodes Lake Road to view the falls. Acquisition of this property will provide a safe area for a community park with this signature attraction. The site also will provide critical natural areas in a rapidly developing urban area. The county will contribute \$246,200. (08-1441)

¹⁶ Conservation futures are a portion of property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands, and farms.

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Pierce County **\$1,133,627**

Building the Buckley to South Prairie Segment of the Foothills Trail

Pierce County Parks and Recreation will use this grant to build a 1.3-mile, paved trail that connects to an existing trail in Buckley. This is the second of three phases needed to complete 4.5 miles of the Foothills Trail between Buckley and South Prairie.

Designed as a 12-foot-wide, paved trail to accommodate walking, biking, and equestrian use, this section of the Foothills Trail runs along an abandoned railroad right-of-way and winds through scenic countryside and farmland offering occasional views of Mount Rainier and Wilkeson Creek. The entire trail is more than 28 miles in length linking Puyallup to Buckley and has a possibility of connecting to the Interurban Trail in King County. The county will contribute \$1,134,628. (08-1444)

Pierce County **\$750,000**

Building the Chambers Creek North Dock and Pedestrian Overpass

The Pierce County Public Works Department will use this grant to extend an elevated pedestrian overpass over the Burlington Northern-Sante Fe railroad, which separates the beach from the uplands in University Place. This project will provide public access to more than 2 miles of Puget Sound shoreline that has not been open to the public for more than 100 years. The county will build two sets of stairs to provide direct access to the beach. The beach is on a small portion of a beautifully reclaimed former gravel mine that offers views of the islands, the Olympic Mountains, south Puget Sound, and the Chambers Creek properties. The overpass will provide the only public access to this beach other than by boat. The closest public beach is 3.2 miles south of this project and is separated by Chambers Bay. Pierce County will contribute \$750,000 in cash and federal funding. (08-1210)

Pierce County **\$1,687,500**

Buying Devil's Head

Pierce County Parks and Recreation will use this grant to buy 94 acres at the southern end of the Key Peninsula, known as Devil's Head. The property has about 1 mile of high quality Puget Sound shoreline. The county plans to use the site for non-motorized boating, hiking, and beachcombing, as well as protecting wildlife habitat. Turning Devil's Head into a local park will preserve salmon habitat, wetlands, bald eagle nesting sites, bluffs, and forest. It also will preserve a scenic viewpoint of Mount Rainier and the Olympic Mountains. The site is also part of two important trail systems – the southern end of the Head-to-Toe trail system and the Cascadia Marine Trail. Pierce County will contribute \$1,687,500. (08-1409)

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Pierce County **\$500,000**

Developing Ashford Community Park

Pierce County Parks and Recreation will use this grant to develop a 30-acre community park in Ashford. Work will include building a natural amphitheater with great lawn, children's play area, and a 1.25-mile asphalt trail system with picnic tables and a restroom. This community park is extremely important to the communities of upper Nisqually Valley who wish to create a gathering center and recreation area in rural southeast Pierce County. The service area covers 540 square miles and serves 2,058 children, about 30 percent of whom receive meal support. This park is located where no other facilities exist and is critical to area youth and disadvantaged families. The Friends of the Upper Nisqually, the Nisqually River Council, the ForeverGreen Council, the Mt. Tahoma Trails Association, and the Foothills Trail Coalition support this project. The county will contribute \$2,949,365. (08-1145)

Pierce County **\$282,383**

Developing Trails in the Naches Trail Preserve

The Pierce County Water Programs Division will use this grant to develop 1.3 miles of trails within a 50-acre natural area known as the Naches Trail Preserve in the Frederickson community. The trail will wind through rare prairie-grassland and mature Oregon white oak-snowberry-long-stolon sedge-camas habitat. Part of the trail will be a boardwalk looping through a wetland and a footbridge that spans Clover Creek, as well as a primitive trail through a grove of red cedar to a relic apple orchard and areas of regenerating Oregon white oak. Work will include adding fences and signs explaining the unique native ecosystems and historical significance of the area. The county will contribute \$282,383. (08-1706)

Pierce County **\$273,000**

Protecting West Farm

Pierce County will use this grant to buy the development rights in perpetuity for the 60-acre West Farm, which is along the Carbon River between Orting and South Prairie. The property has been owned by a family since the early 1800s and provides critical natural areas and farm land in an area that is facing increasing development pressures for houses. The West Farm raises emus, buffalo, and cattle. The farm rests on prime farmland soils and has a variety of habitat types including pasturelands, wetlands, streams, and woodlands. Located along the Carbon River, the land is important for salmon, elk, and bald eagles, as well as providing a view for users of the regional Foothills Trail, which borders the property's front. The county will contribute \$273,000. (08-1289)

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Sumner **\$349,869**

Building the Sumner Trail – Confluence Segment

Sumner will use this grant to build a trail that will run about a half mile along the southwest bank of the White River in the core of Sumner. The western end will connect to an existing trail at the confluence of the White and Puyallup Rivers. It then will travel across three privately owned parcels in Sumner, and through a residential neighborhood for about 1600 feet. This proposed trail will be a vital link to the Interurban Trail, Puyallup River Trail, and the Foothills Trail. The city will contribute \$349,869 in cash and a private grant. (08-1262)

Sumner **\$463,535**

Building the Sumner Trail – White River Segment

Sumner will use this grant to develop .4 mile, including a bridge crossing the White River, of the Sumner Trail. The Sumner Trail is a 12-foot-wide paved trail with gravel shoulders. This section of the trail is on Sumner's north end and it runs along the White River on the west edge of Sumner Meadows Golf Course, then crosses to the west side of the White River via a 150-foot-long pedestrian bridge, and continues south through a future park site, to an existing trail at 16th Street East. This proposed trail will be a vital link to the Interurban Trail, Puyallup River Trail, and the Foothills Trail. The city will contribute \$1,736,465 in cash and federal and private grants. (08-1297)

Sumner **\$227,410**

Building the Sumner - 24th Street Bridge Connection

Sumner will use this grant to pay for the easement, design, and construction of about .4 mile of the Sumner Trail. This segment of 12-foot-wide, paved trail with gravel shoulders will extend from the 24th Street Bridge Trail and continue south along the east bank of the White River, cross a small ditch via a 25-foot-long bridge, and then connect to an existing trail to the north. The Sumner Trail eventually will connect to the Interurban Trail, the Puyallup River Trail, and the Foothills Trail. Once complete, the Sumner Trail system will provide commuter access to Sumner's downtown, the industrial park, and recreational areas. The city will contribute \$227,410 in cash and a private grant. (08-1313)

Tacoma **\$880,000**

Developing the Point Ruston Promenade

Tacoma will use this grant to complete the first .1 mile of the Point Ruston Promenade, which connects the 2.5-mile Ruston Way linear parkway with Point Ruston, a proposed waterfront redevelopment project. Work will include building a viewpoint park and installing benches and a covered fire pit. Point Ruston will include high-density multi-

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family units, commercial space, and a hotel, with 61 percent of the site hosting parks, open space, view corridors, and public thoroughfares. The ultimate goal is to connect the Ruston Way trail system through Point Ruston to Point Defiance Park. Tacoma will contribute \$3,031,305 in donations of cash and land. (08-1234)

Tacoma

\$493,000

Paving Part of the Historic Water Ditch Trail

Tacoma will use this grant to pave 3 miles of the multi-use Historic Water Ditch Trail. This segment of the trail runs through two significant South Tacoma parks – Oak Tree Park and South Park. Three schools are adjacent to the trail so this extension will provide a much needed walking and biking route for students. The city also will build a trail head with parking, clear segments of the trail, and add safety elements. The trail runs along the right-of-way that was used to convey water by a wooden flume from Lake Spanaway to downtown Tacoma in the late 1800s. This project is supported by the South Tacoma Neighborhood Council, Tacoma Wheelmen’s Bicycle Club, Tacoma Rotary, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, City Council, and Metro Parks Tacoma. The city will contribute \$493,000 in cash, voter-approved bonds, and donated labor. (08-1764)

Tacoma Metropolitan Park District

\$231,663

Acquiring Property within Wapato Park

The Tacoma Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 22 acres, the last remaining privately owned waterfront property in Wapato Park. For the past 22 years, the park district has worked to purchase privately owned properties within the park. At 34 acres, Wapato Lake is the largest lake within the city. This property provides the public with the missing 45-foot link along the shoreline that will enable the district to complete a multi-purpose trail system around the lake and provide additional access for fishing, paddleboats, and model boat racing. The park district will contribute \$231,663 from voter-approved bonds. This project was the top ranked project of 27 competing for funding in the water access category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1096)

Tacoma Metropolitan Park District

\$500,000

Adding a Spray Ground and Playground in Wright Park

The Tacoma Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to replace a 50-year-old wading pool with a spray ground and install a new playground in Wright Park. The park hosts many community events and is the location for the summer playground and free lunch program, serving about 4,000 children each summer. The spray ground will

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provide a safe and unique water play area. The park district will contribute \$1,075,149 in voter-approved bonds, cash donations, and a private grant. (08-1091)

Tacoma Metropolitan Park District **\$500,000**
Building a Skate Park, Spray Ground, and Playground

The Tacoma Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to expand the recreational facilities at the South Tacoma Community Center Complex by building a playground, spray ground, and skate park. These amenities are designed to serve children from the surrounding neighborhoods and complement activities offered at the community center and Boys & Girls Club. There is a need to provide free recreational opportunities for local families because the average household income in the area is \$20,000 a year below the county average. The park district is partnering with the South Puget Sound Boys & Girls Club and Tacoma Public School District. The park district will contribute \$750,000 in voter-approved bonds and cash donations. (08-1089)

Tacoma Metropolitan Park District **\$500,000**
Creating Access to Wapato Park Shoreline

The Tacoma Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to complete a lakeside pathway along Wapato Lake. The district also will plant native plants to protect the shoreline and enhance water quality. The park district will contribute \$500,000 in voter-approved bonds. (08-1084)

Tacoma Metropolitan Park District **\$350,000**
Creating the Children's Nature Exploration Area

The Tacoma Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to create a unique nature-themed playground at the Tacoma Nature Center. The nature center serves a regional audience with more than 65,000 visitors annually. The playground, being called the Children's Nature Exploration Area, will serve children ages 2-12. It will provide a wide variety of play elements, all designed to mimic the natural environment. Elements will include a water feature and stream, Tree House, Boulder Scramble, Drumlin Slide, Snag Climb, Bridges and Log Crossing. The playground will not only serve the children from the surrounding neighborhood where there is a deficiency of playgrounds but will also give Nature Center visitors an opportunity to burn off some extra energy playing, before settling down to participate in the center's many environmental education programs. The park district will contribute \$456,476 in voter-approved bonds and cash donations. (08-1094)

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Tacoma Metropolitan Park District **\$323,500**
Expanding Oak Tree Park

The Tacoma Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to buy 5.07 acres adjacent to Oak Tree Park, a 25-acre park containing one of the largest remaining Garry oak stands in the city. Acquisition will protect land adjacent to a significant developing urban trail system from development. It expands Oak Tree Park and will help address a neighborhood park deficiency in this area. The park expansion will allow the extension of the internal trail system. Oak Tree Park and this parcel are along the proposed Water Ditch Trail that traverses Tacoma. The park district will contribute \$323,500 in voter-approved bonds. (08-1095)

University Place **\$70,700**
Acquiring Land for the Chambers – Leach Creek Trail

University Place will use this grant to buy the last four properties needed to complete a 4-mile trail corridor connecting the Puget Sound to a 30-acre wetland. The trail will connect to 3 miles of Grandview and Soundview trails on Pierce County’s Chambers Creek Properties and to state lands south in Lakewood. Pierce County is partnering with the Pierce Conservation District, Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, and the Leach Creek Stewards to create a trail corridor along Chambers and Leach Creeks. The city, county and park district already own the majority of the land along the corridor. The city will contribute \$71,250. (08-1797)

University Place **\$417,907**
Developing Cirque Park

University Place will use this grant to continue development of the 22-acre Cirque Park, the city’s only recreation complex. The city will build a playground for children, a paved walking trail with fitness stations, and a restroom, and install lights for the soccer and baseball field. The city will contribute \$417,908 in cash, equipment, labor, and donations of cash and labor. (08-1455)

San Juan County..... \$3,750,000

San Juan County Land Bank **\$1,500,000**
Preserving Turtleback Mountain

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to help buy 1,576 acres of habitat on Turtleback Mountain on Orcas Island. As part of the largest habitat acquisition in San

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Juan County in a generation, the Turtleback Mountain acquisition galvanized the entire region. The owners, a private Seattle foundation needing to maximize its profit, had many private developers express interest, with one offering full asking price. The land bank and its partners managed to buy the property for \$17 million in 2006 and this grant will help reimburse the bank. This project includes more than 300 acres of regionally imperiled Garry Oak woodland, savannah, native grassland, and rocky balds. It is home to priority species, such as peregrine falcon, golden eagle, Shaw Island vole, sharptail snake, and propertius dusky wing butterfly. The land bank will contribute \$2 million in voter-approved levy. (08-1261)

San Juan County Land Bank

\$1,500,000

Protecting Beaverton Marsh Riparian Areas

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to help buy 330 acres of critical riparian habitat on San Juan Island. Beaverton marsh is the largest class I wetland in the county and provides a rare expanse of freshwater wetland habitat in the San Juan archipelago. Its protection is essential for migrating waterfowl as well as all manner of local flora and fauna. Dependant species include trumpeter swan, bald eagle, osprey, mink, and red-legged frog. The marsh includes a stand of quaking aspen, which is a state priority habitat, and an intact sphagnum bog. Filtered freshwater from the marsh drains into the western portion of Friday Harbor, and so helps to preserve the quality of the local marine environment as well. The property is slated for 40-50 houses. This purchase would expand the land bank's existing Beaverton Marsh Preserve from 135 acres to more than 450 acres. The land bank will contribute \$4 million from a federal grant and voter-approved levy. (08-1108)

San Juan County Land Bank

\$300,000

Protecting Lopez Island Farmland

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to buy a conservation easement on 100 acres of prime farmland on Lopez Island. The Buffum farm is used for grazing several dozen head of livestock and has more than a 50-year history of agricultural production. All the soils are U.S. Department of Agriculture prime farmland, with 10 percent classified as farmland of statewide importance. The owners are eager to protect the long-term viability of the farm against the enormous development pressures in the San Juan Islands. The farm is along a major Lopez Island road, and preservation of the view is important to the rural character of the island. The farm has been managed in an ecologically sensitive manner, without the use of harmful products of any kind, and would therefore be a good candidate for future designation in organic agriculture. Due to the mixture of cleared farmland, wetter areas, and forest land on the property, the farm

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provides important habitat for migrating waterfowl and songbirds. San Juan County Land Bank will contribute \$348,000 from a voter-approved levy. (08-1281)

San Juan County Land Bank **\$450,000**
Providing Access to Judd Cove

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to help buy about 7.7 acres near Eastsound on Orcas Island to expand the Judd Cove Preserve and provide safe public access to the beach. With only seven public shoreline access points around all of Orcas Island, local parks plans identify the urgent need for more. This acquisition will make water access possible and add a waterfall, forest, shellfish beds, healthy eelgrass beds, and herring spawning habitat, providing important feeding areas for waterfowl, harbor seals, Chinook salmon, and many other species. The rich beach habitat and historic lime kiln provide additional interpretive and environmental education opportunities. Kayaking, fishing, shellfish harvesting, scuba diving, wildlife watching, beachcombing, and other recreation activities will make the Judd Cove Preserve a treasured place for residents and visitors alike. Judd Cove's rocky shoreline in the preserve makes it unsafe for the public. The land bank will contribute \$775,774 from a voter-approved levy, a state grant, and donations of labor and materials. (08-1286)

Skagit County **\$11,021,814**

Mount Vernon **\$322,000**
Building the Kiwanis Park Splash Park and Boardwalk

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build a children's spay park and about .2 mile of boardwalk through a wetland. These are the last two elements to be built in the recently opened Kiwanis Park, located in the densest neighborhoods of Mount Vernon. The Boardwalk Trail will serve as the main pedestrian connection between the park and several apartment complexes as well as an interpretive feature for all park users. The city will contribute \$322,000 in cash, labor, and cash donations. (08-1303)

Mount Vernon **\$1,525,796**
Building the Mount Vernon Riverfront Promenade Trail

Mount Vernon will use this grant to build nearly one-half mile of a riverfront urban trail system in historic downtown Mount Vernon. The pedestrian trails will consist of a 24-foot wide, decorative concrete promenade with expansive views of the Skagit River and

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downtown, transitioning to a 20-foot wide concrete urban trail. The project will be the foundation for future access via docks and ramps to the river. Construction of the Mount Vernon Riverfront Promenade and North Trail will create the critical backbone of a regional shorelines trail system that will link trails north and south of downtown as well connect to the city-side trail system. Youth and access for people with disabilities will be improved to the shoreline areas and the public corridor will act as a catalyst to stimulate public awareness of the third largest river on the West Coast. The project is supported by Senator Murray and the Governor's Office. The city will contribute \$1,525,796 in cash and council bonds. (08-1298)

Skagit County **\$319,455**
Protecting Smith Farm

Skagit County will use this grant to buy the development rights, permanently, on 267 acres of prime farmland, known as the Smith farm on Fir Island. The land has been farmed for more than 100 years and is designated as agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and prime farmland by the federal National Resources Conservation Service and Skagit County. The long daylight hours, mild maritime climate, and fertile soils make the Skagit Valley one of the few places in the world where vegetable seed can be produced. Because the Skagit Valley produces between 50 percent and 75 percent of the world's spinach and cabbage seed, these properties have an importance far beyond the local level. The land also supports a variety of migratory bird species and the Wrangell Island Snow Geese, which is protected by international treaties. Pressure to convert farmland is increasing dramatically as the county's population grows, expecting to increase by 46 percent between 2000 and 2020. The county will contribute \$319,455 in conservation futures.¹⁷ This was the top ranked project of 16 competing for funding in the farmland preservation category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1804)

Skagit County **\$115,000**
Renovating Memorial Field

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate a softball field at Skagit Playfields. The field has deteriorated and it is usable fewer weeks a year. The county will install a new drainage system, fencing, backstops, and dugouts, and try to rehabilitate the turf. The renovation will result in fewer missed games, a better playing environment, and fewer maintenance costs. Skagit Valley Playfields host a

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number of tournaments that annually draw more than 200 teams as well as youth camps and league games. The non-profit Skagit Valley Softball Association has contributed financially to the project. The county will contribute \$128,500 in cash, labor, and cash donations. (08-1299)

Skagit County **\$54,600**

Restoring Red Creek

The Skagit County Public Works Department will use this grant to buy conservation easements on up to 17 acres along Red Creek and restore the creek to improve habitat for salmon. The restoration will cool the water, decrease the amount of livestock waste, and increase fish habitat. Work will include placing tree root wads and logs in the water to increase the diversity of habitat. Livestock have degraded significant portions of Red Creek. The creek also has been modified into a straight channel and disconnected from its floodplain. Skagit County will contribute \$80,028 in materials and a state grant. (08-1632)

Skagit County **\$31,500**

Restoring Johnson Creek

The Skagit County Public Works Department will use this grant to buy conservation easements on 24 acres at the mouth of Johnson Creek. The county wants to create an alluvial fan at the mouth of the creek to improve habitat for native fish, restore historic alluvial fan function, restore the function and value of key riparian areas, and reduce the need for dredging in Carpenter Creek/Hill Ditch. Skagit County will contribute \$31,500. (08-2073)

Skagit County **\$35,438**

Restoring Sandy Creek

The Skagit County Public Works Department will use this grant to buy conservation easements on 27 acres near the mouth of Sandy Creek. The county wants to create an alluvial fan at the mouth of Sandy Creek to improve habitat for native fish, restore function and value of key riparian areas, and reduce the need for dredging in Carpenter Creek-Hill Ditch. Skagit County will contribute \$35,438. (08-1622)

Upper Skagit Indian Tribe **\$250,000**

Restoring Hansen Creek Floodplain

The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe will use this grant to plant 80 acres of the Hansen Creek reach to restore its floodplain. The restored area will provide food for fish, cool the water, and stabilize the banks of Hansen Creek, which is home to Chinook, coho, chum,

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and pink salmon, steelhead, and cutthroat trout. Crews also will build a 1-mile trail atop a berm around the project's boundary. The project will restore off-channel floodplain and wetland habitat functions. The tribe will contribute \$250,000 in cash donations. (08-1681)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$325,000
Developing the Samish Overlook

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to develop the highly used Samish Overlook, which is in the Blanchard Forest just south of Bellingham. Overlooking Samish Bay, the site attracts a wide range of users, including hang gliders, paragliders, horseback riders, hikers, picnickers, rock climbers, mountain bikers, and sightseers, but there are no facilities to handle the use. Work will include design and construction of improved parking and improved restroom access, signs, an observation terrace and links to trails. Development will direct where and how use takes place, and as a result, will improve public health and safety and protect the environment. This project also will provide for needed access for people with disabilities. (08-1052)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$2,820,825
Expanding the Cypress Island Natural Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy about 96 acres of privately owned waterfront on Cypress Island. The department owns nearly 94 percent of the island and manages it as the Cypress Island Natural Area Preserve and Natural Resources Conservation Area. The natural area is unique because of its large size, ecological diversity, and level of existing protection. The island has no infrastructure or ferry service and limited development, all of which help increase protection. The natural area provides opportunities for directed public use and environmental education, while protecting critical habitat and rare plant communities. The threat of conversion is high due to continuously rising property values in the San Juan Islands and the attractiveness of Cypress Island for vacation homes and resort facilities. (08-1177)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$722,200
Expanding Rockport State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 120 acres to expand Rockport State Park, a 460-acre park in an ancient forest at the foot of Sauk Mountain. The old growth trees have never been logged, and the entire ecosystem remains in place, creating a rare, natural forest. In 2007, State Parks closed the campground because of data showing risks associated with several of the trees within the campground. State Parks has been looking for property to replace the

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campground. The property, adjacent to the park, will provide easy access to the existing trails within the park as well as Sauk Mountain and the national forest trails beyond.
(08-1216)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$2,500,000
Acquiring Land on Kiket Island

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy land on Kiket Island east of Deception Pass. Flagstaff Island lies at the western end of Kiket Island, connected by a small strip of land. The two islands have a combined circumference of 2 miles of shoreline and with the adjoining uplands contain 123 acres. The acquisition will help meet a shortage of waterfront in Puget Sound open to the public and allow State Parks to safeguard natural resources and increase the amount of marine parks. When acquired, the public will be able to explore virtually intact marine, forest, saltwater lagoon, and tidelands ecosystems. (08-1329)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$2,000,000
Expanding Deception Pass State Park

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 75 acres to expand Deception Pass State Park, the most visited state park. The purchase will include all of Flagstaff Island, the western half of Kiket Island, and 1.25 miles of Skagit County shoreline. Directly east of Deception Pass and within the Swinomish Reservation, Kiket Island is a peninsula connected to Fidalgo and Flagstaff Islands by tombolos. The purchase will help protect important habitat for fish and wildlife and improve access to the shoreline for light recreation and environmental education. The diverse habitat includes eelgrass, which supports chum, Chinook, and coho salmon, steelhead, and bull trout; marine mammals; and birds including snipe, heron, osprey, bald eagles, and many waterfowl. Herring and sandlance, two important fish eaten by endangered salmon spawn along the Kiket Island shore. Forests with old growth trees provide habitat for Douglas squirrel and many birds. Flagstaff is a rare example of a near pristine rocky bald habitat. The Trust for Public Lands holds an option to purchase the property from the owners, who otherwise plan to sell for development. State Parks will contribute \$4,149,400 from federal and private grants and donations of labor and materials. This was the top ranked project of 32 competing for funding in the riparian protection category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1627)

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Skamania County \$556,395

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$556,395
Purchasing the High Lakes

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 240 acres of the High Lakes. True to their name, the High Lakes are about three-fourths of a mile above sea level and are a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts who are looking for adventure and trout fishing in a primitive environment. The lakes offer fly fishing opportunities that are virtually unmatched in Western Washington. There are no man-made trails and snow machines are not allowed in this area. Winter recreation provides for snow shoed backpacker or cross-country skier. (08-1560)

Snohomish County \$7,587,685

Edmonds \$577,000
Building the Interurban Trail in Edmonds

The Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department will use this grant to design and build a .47-mile trail on an old inter-city rail line that was part of a nationwide system of lines operated from the 1890s to the 1930s. The trail lies along beautiful view corridors of Lake Ballinger and the Mathay-Ballinger Park. Work will include paving a 12-foot-wide path and installing landscaping, benches, signs, bicycle racks, a shelter, and an information kiosk. The shelter will serve pedestrian, bicycle, and skate trail users. Interpretive signs will be incorporated into the shelter to depict the historic "Lake Ballinger Trolley Station" and tell the story of the heyday of the electric interurban trolley system. This proposed trail will be a vital link to the Interurban Trail, Puyallup River Trail, and the Foothills Trail. This is the missing link north and beyond to the Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood, and Everett Interurban Trails and south to the recently completed Shoreline Interurban Trail and on to Seattle and King County linkages. The city will contribute \$578,080. (08-1697)

Lynnwood \$500,000
Developing Doc Hageman Park

Lynnwood will use this grant to develop a neighborhood park on an old farm in the Tutmark Hill neighborhood. Rapid residential development has occurred there without provision for recreational open space. More than 200 homes have been built within a half-mile of the park. The 7.69-acre park is named for Doc Hageman, who farmed the

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property for more than 50 years. The city will install interpretive signs, a loop trail, a sport court, play equipment, picnic areas, an informal play field, restrooms, and parking. The city will contribute \$500,000. (08-1580)

Lynnwood **\$350,000**
Developing the Stadler Ridge Park Would be partially funded at \$343,163

Lynnwood will use this grant to develop a 2-acre neighborhood park in an underserved neighborhood in northeast Lynnwood. The city will build outdoor courts, a plaza, parking, playground, trails, and restrooms. Crews also will install signs, fencing, landscaping, and park furniture. There are no parks within walking distance of this neighborhood, and major streets are barriers to other city parks. In the past 7 years, about 175 new homes with small yards have developed in this neighborhood with no provision for parks. Acting as stewards of the future park, the neighbors formed work groups to remove invasive plants, and local Boy Scouts built a nature trail that provides access to an adjacent neighborhood. The city will contribute \$350,000. (08-1133)

Mukilteo **\$258,575**
Acquiring Land for the Big Gulch Estuary

Mukilteo will use this grant to buy 1.1 acres, the last remaining privately held property in Big Gulch, to construct a freshwater estuary. Big Gulch is a 178-acre ravine that contains a fish-bearing stream, steep slopes, and wetlands. Creating an estuary there will provide wetland habitat and restore environmental functions that have been lost over time. When completed, the estuary will include interpretive signs, trails, and benches. The property is for sale and is in a highly desirable neighborhood. Mukilteo will contribute \$258,575 in cash and a local grant. (08-1225)

Mukilteo **\$500,000**
Developing Lighthouse Park

Mukilteo will use this grant to develop the north end of the 15-acre Mukilteo Lighthouse Park. The city will expand the recreational and civic function of the park, integrate the historic lighthouse complex with the rest of the park, make the park entrance more inviting, and improve pedestrian access to and in the park. The improvements will include: entry arbors and picket fencing that defines the bounds of the lighthouse station; a plaza in front of the lighthouse; shade trees and shoreline plantings; a picnic shelter and band shell and restrooms; safe, accessible walkways within the lighthouse complex, along the waterfront and Front Street, and a section of a path to State Route 525; and interpretive signs that speak to the site's rich natural and human history. The plaza will be closed to vehicles for events but otherwise provide a needed turnaround

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for trucks and buses. About 1 million people use the park each year. The city will contribute \$500,000 in cash and cash donations. (08-1209)

Snohomish County **\$220,750**

Building the Northwest Stream Center Boardwalk Interpretive Trail

The Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Adopt-A-Stream Foundation, will use this grant to build a .37 mile, raised, boardwalk interpretive trail through 20 acres of riparian habitat at the Northwest Stream Center in McCollum Park. The boardwalk will lead up to 45,000 visitors a year through a forest and wetland complex next to a stream. This beautiful pocket of riparian habitat is next to North Creek, a salmon stream that flows to the Sammamish River and Lake Washington. The site is in a heavily developed area between Everett and Mill Creek. It includes freshwater marsh, wet meadows, forested wetlands, and cedar groves. There, the public will learn the interconnections between forests, wetlands, streams, wildlife, and people. The county will contribute \$220,750 in donated labor and a grant from the Adopt-A-Stream Foundation (08-1591)

Snohomish County **\$343,210**

Buying Development Rights for Peoples Ranch

Snohomish County will use this grant to buy development rights on the remaining 74 acres of a 314-acre, regionally significant farm 5 miles south of Monroe. Peoples Ranch is the center of operations for the Hollandia Dairy Farm. Established in 1990, the dairy milks 500 cows, grows 130 acres of green chop, and raises cattle. The soils are classified as prime farmland soils by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the dairy is restoring the Snoqualmie River banks. The Hollandia Dairy Farm's extensive infrastructure, proximity to major markets, and commitment to best management practices make the farm a vital component of the local dairy industry. Snohomish County will contribute \$343,210 in conservation futures¹⁸. (08-1111)

Snohomish County **\$1,000,000**

Buying Land for a Southwest County Community Park

The Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 12.7 acres for a community park. The land is next to the southwest county urban growth

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area and will provide a much needed park in a rapidly growing area. Within the service area for this park, there's a shortage of parks. The county will contribute \$1,859,470. (08-1254)

Snohomish County **\$499,500**
Creating the Paradise Valley Mountain Bike Skill Center

The Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy land and develop a mountain bike skill center. The 126-acre site for the proposed skills center is next to the 667-acre Paradise Valley Conservation Area. About 65 acres will be used for development of the mountain bike skill center; with the remainder set aside for conservation. The center will provide users with beginner, intermediate, and advanced mountain bike skill courses. The courses will feature technical elements including a pump track, cross-country race track, table-top jumps, rock drops, log jumps, wood berms, and narrow elevated boardwalks. Parking will be in the existing conservation area gravel parking lot will be reconfigured and expanded to accommodate about 20 more cars. Portable restrooms will be provided at the parking lot and at the skills course site, about 1.25 miles from the parking lot. The county will contribute \$1,944,838 in cash and donated labor. (08-1636)

Snohomish County **\$914,000**
Extending the Centennial Trail

The Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to build 1.2 miles of 10-foot-wide, paved, multi-purpose, non-motorized trail on abandoned railroad right-of-way from the completed 17-mile Centennial Trail northward to Arlington. The project extends the Centennial Trail and takes bicyclists off 67th Northeast, a 50 mile per hour, two-lane road with no shoulders that Arlington residents have been using to get from Arlington's trail to the county trail head at 152nd Northeast. Crews will clear, grade, and control erosion. They also will demolish an inadequate fish ladder and a road and rebuild the area with a bridge and a new road. Work will include wetland mitigation, habitat enhancement, construction of a retaining wall, and landscaping. Finally, crews will install fencing, benches, and signs along the trail. The county will contribute \$914,000. (08-1775)

Snohomish County **\$1,270,750**
Protecting Lake Serene Riparian Areas

The Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 8.2 acres of forest and wetland in the Lake Serene watershed. About 80 percent of the 223-acre watershed surrounding the 43-acre Lake Serene has been developed. Keeping

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this site undeveloped is critical to the ecological health of Lake Serene and Norma Creek, which flows from the lake to the Puget Sound. The site will be managed as a natural area with public access limited to nature trails. The county will contribute \$1,270,750. (08-1650)

Snohomish County **\$1,153,900**

Protecting Lake Stickney Riparian Areas

The Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 9.66 acres of wetland and riparian habitat on the western shore of Lake Stickney. The land will give the public access to a lake and creek shoreline and improve the wildlife habitat in an urban area. Work will include demolishing a restaurant, pool foundation, and a house, and returning the land to a natural state. Swamp Creek flows into Lake Stickney and then to unincorporated Snohomish County, through Lynnwood, Briar, and Kenmore, to Lake Washington. It is critical to the survival of Swamp Creek's ecosystem to preserve riparian areas when possible. This creek supports Chinook, silver, and sockeye salmon, and resident and sea-run cutthroat trout. If the property is not acquired, it likely will be developed in the immediate future. The county will contribute \$1,153,900. (08-1619)

Spokane County..... \$5,486,674

Airway Heights **\$150,000**

Developing Sunset Crossing Park

Airway Heights will use this grant to help develop a 2-acre neighborhood park in the Sunset Crossing subdivision. The city will build playgrounds, a paved pathway, low berms for play, and a large open area. The city also will install shade, flowering, and evergreen trees to break up the park space and benches. The city will contribute \$159,795. (08-1539)

Liberty Lake **\$503,500**

Creating Rocky Hill Park

Liberty Lake will buy and develop Rocky Hill Park, a 13.2-acre community park. The city add landscaping, restrooms, paved pathways, two tennis courts, a community garden, a playground, picnic areas, and an informal amphitheater. The park is surrounded by neighborhoods and contains large expanses of open land. Rocky Hill is unique because it has some of the oldest existing structures in Liberty Lake, including a historic 1940s

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barn and an early 1900s well house. Liberty Lake is one of the fastest growing cities in Eastern Washington, with a population that has more than doubled to 7,500 since incorporation in 2001. Rocky Hill Park is being created to relieve the congestion Pavillion Park, the city's only other park. The city will contribute \$1,710,000 in cash and donations of labor and land. (08-1630)

Spokane **\$45,900**
Preserving Latah Creek Riparian Areas

Spokane will use this grant to by .6 mile of land along Latah Creek to protect it from development. This land would connect to the riparian habitat already owned by the city, creating a contiguous riparian habitat of 1.2 miles. Latah Creek is designated as a shoreline of statewide significance. Its shoreline has been damaged by farming, ranching, and most recently, development. The purchase of the Latah Creek shoreline would allow quality riparian habitat to continue in perpetuity. The city will contribute \$45,900 from conservation futures¹⁹ and donations of cash and labor. (08-2074)

Spokane **\$530,000**
Renovating the Historic Iron Bridge

Spokane will use this grant to renovate and open Spokane's Historic Iron Bridge for bicycle and pedestrian use. Once used by railroad companies to service mining areas throughout the region, the Iron Bridge now represents a key connection in Spokane's regional trail network. The bridge will provide safe, scenic, non-motorized access across the Spokane River that currently does not exist on the city's east side. The Iron Bridge will link directly with the 37-mile Spokane River Centennial Trail, and provide connections with other key regional trails. In addition to renovating the Iron Bridge, the project includes grading approaches on both sides of bridge, developing a trail accessible to people with disabilities on the eastern side of the Spokane River, and creating an interpretive center. The city will contribute \$530,026 in a federal grant and donations of cash, labor, land, and materials. (08-1698)

Spokane County **\$1,674,450**
Acquiring Antoine Peak Land

The Spokane County Department of Parks, Recreation and Golf will use this grant to buy 370 acres of a 3,375-foot mountain (Antoine Peak) that forms a prominent and spectacular backdrop to Spokane, Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, and Newman Lake.

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The county wants to protect the land because of the critical nature of its habitat for wildlife, its million dollar view shed, and its use as a "watchable wildlife" area to the nearly half-million residents of the county. The site offers a broad range of year-round outdoor activities such as hiking, wildlife watching, riding horses, mountain biking, picnicking, trail running, and cross country skiing. It is part of an important wildlife corridor that stretches north to Mount Spokane State Park and into the Selkirk Mountains. It is home elk, moose, black bear, deer, and eight species in decline. Many streams cross the property providing critical water and recharging the source of drinking water for more than 500,000 people. The county will contribute \$1,674,450 in conservation futures²⁰. This was the top ranked project of 15 competing for funding in the urban wildlife habitat category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1334)

Spokane County **\$1,884,850**
Acquiring Antoine Peak Land

The Spokane County Department of Parks, Recreation and Golf will use this grant to buy 326 acres, including the summit, of the 3,375-foot mountain called Antoine Peak. The mountain forms a prominent and spectacular backdrop to Spokane, Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, and Newman Lake. The county wants to protect the land because of the critical nature of its habitat for wildlife, its million dollar view shed, and its use as a "watchable wildlife" area to the nearly half-million residents of the county. The site offers a broad range of year-round outdoor activities such as hiking, wildlife watching, riding horses, mountain biking, picnicking, trail running, and cross country skiing. It is part of an important wildlife corridor that stretches north to Mount Spokane State Park and into the Selkirk Mountains. It is home elk, moose, black bear, deer, and eight species in decline. Many streams cross the property providing critical water and recharging the source of drinking water for more than 500,000 people. The county will contribute \$1,884,850 in conservation futures²¹. (08-1335)

Spokane County **\$197,974**
Realigning Centennial Trail at Gateway Park

The Spokane County Department of Parks, Recreation and Golf will use this grant to realign part of the Centennial Trail to pass safely beneath the new Spokane Road Bridge. The realignment will eliminate two dangerous crossings and perfect an

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"incomplete link." More than 1.75 million people used the trail in 2007. This realignment will eliminate the trail's intersections near the Interstate 90 on and off ramp at the entrance to Gateway Park. It also will eliminate its shared parking entrance with the Washington Department of Transportation's Visitor's Center and county dog park in Gateway Park. Traffic is increasing in this area. Moving the Centennial Trail now will eliminate a future conflict with the state's plans for a new freeway interchange on the property. The county will contribute \$197,974 in cash and donations of cash and labor. (08-1332)

Spokane Valley **\$500,000**

Developing the Second Phase of Greenacres Park

Spokane Valley will use this grant to develop 8.3 acres in the rapidly growing Greenacres neighborhood. The city will install a playground, picnic shelter, restrooms, parking lot, open play field, perimeter pathway, fencing, landscaping, and park furniture. This will be the city's first park development. The city is comprised of 38 square miles and 88,000 residents but is served by a comparatively small urban park system of eight parks totaling 171 acres. The park is next to 16 acres owned by Central Valley School District. The city and school district will partner on the project. The city will contribute \$700,000 cash and state funding. (08-1309)

Stevens County.....\$983,947

Kettle Falls **\$92,500**

Buying Happy Dell Park

Kettle Falls will use this grant to buy the 2.5-acre Happy Dell Park from a non-profit corporation for use as the community's primary park. The city currently leases the park. It is used as a softball field and provides two tennis courts, a pavilion, a historical display, a restroom, backstop, and electronic scoreboard. This park is important to the community and the corporation doesn't want to spend any funds for badly needed repairs or improvements. The current owner wants to dissolve the organization and sell the park. The city will contribute \$95,000. (08-1087)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$891,447**

Acquiring Colville River Valley Riparian Areas

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy about 280 acres along the Colville River, a tributary to the Columbia River. More than 220 acres of high-quality, old growth, cottonwood gallery, riparian habitat; 3 miles of the Colville

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River; and .25 mile of Haller Creek will be protected from development by this acquisition. The land will be incorporated into the Sherman Creek Wildlife Area. Historically, the Colville River valley was a vast, diverse complex of wetlands, oxbow channels, and riparian habitat, including cottonwood galleries, stretching more than 50 miles from its headwaters to the confluence with the Columbia River. Much of the valley was drained, ditched, and logged in the early 1900s and converted to farms. Many miles of the Colville River were dredged and straightened. Only remnants of this ecologically and biologically diverse habitat remain. The project area comprises one of the few remaining, largely intact sections of this valuable remnant habitat. (08-1517)

Thurston County \$5,976,795

Olympia \$750,000
Buying Ward Lake

The Olympia Parks, Arts & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 9 acres on Ward Lake for a public swimming beach. Given that the property may well have been the last site large enough for a community, freshwater swimming area, the city bought the property and is seeking reimbursement. The lake is an aquifer-fed kettle; 66.8 acres in size, and has 1.3 miles of shoreline. The 9-acre property is scheduled for master planning in 2009 with development completed by 2019. The city will contribute \$1.5 million voter-approved bonds. (08-1596)

Olympia \$500,000
Rehabilitating Percival Landing

The Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will use this grant to begin rehabilitating its downtown boardwalk, Percival Landing. Crews will remove a portion of the boardwalk, grade the slope, and recycle the boardwalk materials into a new section of boardwalk that creates an interpretive cove with a walk-across bridge. Percival Landing Park features picnic areas, open areas, public art, overnight boat moorage, restrooms and showers, a playground, and .9-mile boardwalk that extends along the eastern shoreline of West Bay. Structural assessments of the boardwalk indicate that it needs replacing; several portions already have been closed to the public for safety. The city will contribute \$551,950. (08-1595)

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Tenino **\$57,500**

Expanding Tenino City Park

Tenino will use this grant to buy 6.27 acres of land near the quarry pool and athletic fields to expand Tenino City Park. The park offers a huge, spring-fed quarry pool that is on the national historic register, camping, ball fields, an historic train depot, and a trail head for the Yelm-Tenino Trail, which intersects the Chehalis Western Trail. The city will buy land that is forested and will protect existing park resources and views, and also provide public ownership of property that provides a vital link between properties owned by the Heernett Foundation. This project represents the first phase in a partnership between the city and the foundation to provide a trail corridor, wildlife habitat, and environmental education. The property owner has given Tenino until summer 2009 to buy the land before it is logged. The city will contribute \$57,500 in materials, equipment, labor, and donations of cash, labor, and land. (08-1290)

Thurston County **\$1,096,580**

Preserving the Black River Ranch

The Thurston County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy a permanent conservation easement on 325 acres of the 725-acre Black River Ranch. The county loses more than 1,000 acres of farmland a year to other uses. The Black River Ranch is one of the largest farms in the county and contains a diverse complex of wetlands, floodplain, riparian, and upland habitat, as well as extensive farmlands. The property is between large protected areas – the Glacial Heritage Preserve to the east and Mima Creek Preserve to the west. The project is an innovative partnership project between conservation land trusts, agricultural land trusts, local government, tribal government, private landowners, and state and federal agencies. The county will contribute \$1.1 million in conservation futures²², and federal and other grants. (08-1362)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$920,180**

Protecting the Black River Riparian Areas

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to protect 330 acres of intact and highly complex riparian area and 70 acres of associated upland through a permanent conservation easement along the Black River and a major tributary, Mima Creek. The Black River wetland and riparian habitats make up one of the largest, undisturbed, freshwater wetland systems remaining in Puget Sound. The river's diverse habitats include three priority habitats: Prairie oak woodlands, sphagnum bogs, and wet

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prairies. The majority of habitat is a rare wetland habitat type, unique to the Black River. The project also will protect a prime corridor used by elk, deer, and bear and will provide habitat for at-risk salmon species and the Oregon spotted frog. The site is highly vulnerable to residential development. (08-1520)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$270,380
Restoring South Sound Prairie and Grassland Bald

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to develop and plant seeds of rare plants in the Scatter Creek, Mima Mounds, Bald Hill, Rocky Prairie, and West Rocky Prairie areas. These areas are home to rare plants, animals, and plant communities of concern to both the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Natural Resources. The project goal is to develop cooperative actions to restore these rare habitats, including developing genetically appropriate seed sources for use in restoration work. To date, restoration has relied on propagation and transplanting of plugs from seeds collected by hand, which does not generate enough seed to meet the restoration needs. The two agencies are entering into a partnership to build the seed production capacity to allow for direct seeding in grassland and oak woodland restoration in western Washington. The department will contribute \$15,000 in equipment. (08-1535)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$1,036,455
Expanding the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 51 acres to expand the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area and the viability of the wildlife habitat in a rapidly developing residential area. Land acquisition will ensure that the conservation area continues to provide important habitat for wildlife, including nesting bald eagles, a significant heron rookery, and the largest harbor seal nursery in south Puget Sound. With habitat ranging from shoreline to wetlands to mature second growth forest, homes for shorebirds and songbirds, river otters, and a maternity colony of bats will continue to be protected at Woodard Bay. Located within minutes of downtown Olympia, the conservation area offers many opportunities for environmental education, including interpretive signs and nature trails with views of tidelands, old growth cedar, and a myriad of wildlife. (08-1187)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$50,000
Restoring the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to restore a pasture with two ponds, one as large as 5.6 acres, on newly acquired lands, referred to

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as the "Rutherford Parcel." Some of the land around the ponds contains dense blackberry thickets, and the surrounding landscape has grown hay. Crews will control invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry and reed canary grass, plant native trees and shrubs in the pond buffers and wetland plants in the wetlands, and install bat boxes. The goal is to replace most of the invasive species around the ponds with native trees and shrubs, and to improve the quality of the wetland habitat. The total area to be restored is about 12 acres. The surrounding hay fields buffer the restoration area from nearby homes, and will be restored later. (08-1402)

Washington Department of Natural Resources \$1,295,700
Expanding the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to buy 27.9 acres to expand the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area and the viability of the riparian habitat in a rapidly developing residential area. The land includes important tributaries to Chapman Bay and Woodard Bay, and a key portion of the Woodard Bay shoreline. Land acquisition will ensure that the site continues to provide important habitat for wildlife, including nesting bald eagles, a significant heron rookery, and the largest harbor seal nursery in south Puget Sound. Habitats range from riparian areas along creeks and ponds, marine shorelines, wetlands, and mature second growth forest. This diverse ecosystem protects homes for shorebirds and songbirds, river otters, and a maternity colony of bats. (08-1188)

Walla Walla County.....\$1,921,718

College Place \$392,868
Buying a Community Park

College Place will use this grant to buy 14 acres for a community park in the southwest area of the city, which currently lacks a park. The park will provide space for two new soccer fields, paths, and a restroom. The city's other two parks are in the eastern half of the city. The city will contribute \$392,868. (08-1237)

Walla Walla County Conservation District \$51,250
Restoring Doan Creek

The Walla Walla County Conservation District will use this grant to return Doan Creek, a tributary of Mill Creek, to its original meanders across 368 acres of farmland. Work includes repairing 1,900 feet of the creek's riparian area and reconnecting it, out of the

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irrigation ditch it was directed to for the past 100 years. Crews will create cobble reaches, place woody materials in the creek, manage weeds, re-establish riparian buffers, and build a 3-mile nature trail. This will open more than 3 miles of this spring fed cold water stream to steelhead. Partners include the National Park Service, private landowners, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Walla Walla University, and Whitman College. The district will contribute \$95,000 from a federal grant and donations of materials and property interest. (08-1207)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$1,477,600**
Protecting the Touchet River and Grasslands

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to buy 2,560 acres of diverse priority habitats (grass and shrub prairie, wetlands, cliffs and talus slopes, riparian - cottonwood gallery) and 3.5 miles of the Touchet River. The property contains no roads and has had few human impacts. It features an intact floodplain, one of the few remaining in the lower Walla Walla basin, and 20 to 30 acres of sand dunes. These critical habitats support a multitude of wildlife. More than 120 species of Neo-tropical migratory birds use the property (ferruginous hawks, Vaux's swift, loggerhead shrike, golden eagle, Rufous hummingbird, Wilson's warbler, sage thrasher, sage sparrow, and chipping sparrow). Mammals found on the property include badgers, pocket mice, western jumping mice, and black- and white-tailed jackrabbits. (08-1518)

Whatcom County **\$2,204,350**

Bellingham **\$500,000**
Buying Land for Cordata Park

The Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 19.18 acres for a community park in the Guide Meridian neighborhood of Cordata, which is a newly urbanized area with a large concentration of multi-family dwellings that serve a low- to moderate-income population. This acquisition will help correct the imbalance caused by the latest housing boom and allocate more public space to an underserved population. The city will contribute \$533,333 from a voter-approved levy. (08-1469)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$324,600**
Replacing the Lake Terrell Dock

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to replace the dock on Lake Terrell, a popular warm water fishing spot that sees 25,000 user-days annually.

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An improved fishing pier would reduce conflicts between anglers and boaters using the boat dock, and provide a fishing facility accessible to people with disabilities. Work will include removing a small restroom and a 36-year-old float and installing a new parking area, toilet, and fishing pier. The new parking lot will reduce congestion at the boat launch and be adjacent to the new pier. The new pier will nearly double the available fishing area. The local bass club has volunteered to assist in removal of the old float. (08-1485)

Whatcom County **\$1,000,000**
Acquiring Lily Point

The Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy the 146-acre Lily Point north parcel and be reimbursed for a portion of the costs of a 130-acre parcel to the south. Located on the southeast corner of Point Roberts, Lily Point includes 1.5 miles of shoreline, 200-foot-high bluffs, old growth trees, and tidelands, and is within a globally significant migratory shorebird and waterfowl area. In Whatcom County, only 6 percent of 130 miles of saltwater shoreline are accessible. Lily Point will provide access for fishing, beachcombing, swimming, wildlife viewing, and shellfish harvesting. The site is threatened by development and was permitted for a 74-unit development with golf course. The county will contribute \$1 million in conservation futures²³ and state and federal grants. (08-1587)

Whatcom County **\$379,750**
Protecting a Whatcom County Farm

Whatcom County will use this grant to buy the development rights, in perpetuity, on 155 acres of the Tjoelker farm. The project will buy up nine other development rights, helping the county meet its goal of maintaining 100,000 acres of farmland and securing the viability of an agricultural resource economy. The county will contribute \$384,750 in conservation futures²⁴. (08-1638)

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Whitman County \$436,914

Colfax \$39,639

Lighting Fields in McDonald Park

Colfax will use this grant to light two fields in McDonald Park. A \$150,000 grant from the state Legislature provided funds for light poles and fixtures. Using this grant, the city will install poles, concrete, and wiring as well as refurbish the area around the poles. The park began as a volunteer effort and since 1994, more than \$187,000 in local donations, \$340,000 in volunteer support, and grants totaling \$323,000 have provided a complex that is valued at more than \$2 million. The park hosts soccer, baseball, and softball teams from T-ball to semi-pro. Washington State University provides the only baseball park with regulation lighting in the county. The city will contribute \$39,639 in cash and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. (08-1602)

Palouse \$12,000

Renovating Palouse City Park

Palouse will use this grant to remove old, unsafe play equipment and replace it with modern play equipment for kids ages of 2-5 in Palouse's city park. The park's current play equipment does not serve toddlers and has been deemed unsafe. The city will replace the play equipment and build a new sidewalk to connect the play structure to parking, the picnic shelter, and restrooms. The city will contribute \$12,000 in donations of cash and labor. (08-1609)

Pullman \$385,275

Building the Johnson Avenue Path

Pullman will use this grant to pave .62 mile of the Johnson Avenue Path, a bicycle and pedestrian trail along the south fork of Palouse River from the Pullman Greenway Trail to a low-cost housing development currently accessed by a two-lane road with no shoulders. Work will include building a bridge across the river to provide direct access from the housing and Washington State University to entertainment, shopping, and, Pullman Memorial Hospital on Bishop Boulevard. A short spur trail and wayside will be built to provide access to the confluence of the south fork of the Palouse River and Paradise Creek. Crews also will install benches, picnic tables, lighting, and a linear water feature, as well as replant the riverbank. The Johnson Avenue Path connects to Pullman Greenway Trail, and through it, to Downtown Pullman Riverwalk, Bill Chipman Trail, Northeast Ring Road, and the city playfields. The city will contribute \$385,275 in voter-approved bonds and cash donations. (08-1451)

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Yakima County \$1,838,479

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$320,650
Improving Tim's Pond Public Access

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the access site at Tim's Pond, a beautiful site at the entrance to the Tieton River Canyon set below massive cliffs, towering pines, and oak woodlands. This popular fishing spot in the Oak Creek Wildlife Area northwest of Yakima has wooded pathways surrounding the lake and along the Tieton River. The department will add restrooms accessible for people with disabilities and pave the parking and fishing areas and pathway around the pond for wildlife and river viewing. This location allows for easy loading near the lake, but lacks the hard surface needed for those with disabilities. Currently, there are no restrooms, and the surrounding vegetation is showing signs of misuse and litter. (08-1816)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$147,200
Restoring Morgan Lake

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to remove 70 years of accumulated sediment from a portion of Morgan Lake. Morgan Lake is an old Yakima River oxbow channel that lies in the middle of a wetland. Historically, the lake was all open water with a gravel bottom, and it was a popular public fishing area. Sediment from dirty irrigation water and encroaching plants have filled the lake at an exponential rate, decreasing the percentage of open water in this wetland system. The department is using \$300,000 grant from the North American Wetland Conservation Act to restore the wetland. Removing sediment along the shoreline of Morgan Lake is an integral part of the overall project. (08-1529)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$198,108
Acquiring the Yakima Levee Trail

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to acquire 3 miles for a trail on the levee on the east bank of the Yakima River between the Terrace Heights and State Route 24 bridges. The levee trail will connect to the 329-acre Yakima Sportsman State Park with existing equestrian, hiking, and interpretive trails. (08-1270)

Yakima \$500,000
Developing the Yakima Youth Soccer Complex

Yakima Parks and Recreation will use this grant to develop a 35-acre soccer complex. The city will create 11 irrigated soccer fields, parking, a playground, and access road for

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the complex on the east side of city, an area currently underserved for active recreational opportunities. The Yakima Youth Soccer Association, in cooperation with the city, envision creating a destination park adjacent to the Yakima Greenway that will host regional tournaments. Current league play in the youth soccer association, which has 2,000 players, is spread among three facilities, each of varying quality and with access or parking problems. The city will contribute \$1,580,011 in materials, a private grant, and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. (08-1370)

Yakima County

\$672,521

Building the Naches Trail

Yakima County Public Services Department will use this grant to develop and install a 2.27-mile, multi-purpose trail that extends north from Yakima to Old Naches Road on the old Naches Rail Road Branch Line. Work will include designing the trail, removing the railroad track, assessing the historic bridge and retrofitting it, grading and surfacing the trail, improving the storm water facilities, installing railings and signs, and building a trail head with restroom and parking. The eventual development is a multi-purpose trail from Yakima to Naches for recreation and non-motorized transportation. Local user groups and stakeholders including the William O. Douglass Foundation, Yakima Greenway Foundation, and Friends of Cowiche Canyon support the trail. The county will contribute \$672,521 in donations of cash, labor, and materials. (08-1770)

Multiple Counties \$1,264,338

King and Pierce Counties

Pacific

\$267,878

Extending the Interurban Trail to Stewart Road

Pacific will use this grant to build about 1 mile of 12-foot-wide asphalt trail through town, extending the existing 14-mile Interurban Trail, which spans between employment centers in Auburn, Kent, Tukwila, Renton, and Seattle and ends at 3rd Avenue Southwest in Pacific. The Interurban is a north-south, off-road, non-motorized route that is popular with more than 500 daily pedestrians and bicyclists. Once the trail passes through Pacific, it will connect with other planned trails, mainly the Foothills Trail in Sumner. Once linked, the Interurban and Foothills trails will provide almost 35-miles of continuous trail between dense urban centers and rural communities. The city will contribute \$267,879 in cash and a federal grant. (08-1690)

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San Juan, Whitman, and Yakima Counties

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$750,000
Purchasing Statewide Inholdings

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 120 acres of inholdings. From time-to-time during the biennium, State Parks learns of desirable properties adjacent to or within the boundaries of a park. Some of these properties are small and consequently may not compete well for grants. Others require immediate action to buy the property. In the past, funds from Inholding grants have been used to purchase property to remove undesirable neighbors (tavern) from a park, to obtain legal access to a park, to acquire desirable property listed with a real estate agent, and to buy sites with high natural resources value. (08-1822)

Skagit and Snohomish Counties

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$246,460
Enhancing Skagit Bay Riparian Areas

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to restore riparian areas in the Skagit Wildlife Area. Crews will remove invasive species, such as blackberry, reed canary grass, and Spartina, and replant native plants along a soon-to-be restored estuary. In addition, crews will monitor the restored estuary to determine future restoration needs. The wildlife area provides a variety of estuarine and freshwater wetland habitats important for at-risk salmon species, migratory waterfowl, and other animals. (08-1870)