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Benton County Projects..... \$791,125

Port of Kennewick \$291,125
Improving Clover Island

The Port of Kennewick will use this grant to restore shoreline habitat for salmon and develop a meandering, riverfront pathway along Clover Island’s perimeter. Work will include adding benches and railings, renovating viewpoints along the Columbia River and creating sidewalks to the island’s boat dock that are accessible to people with disabilities. In the 1950s and 1960s, concrete was dumped down Clover Island’s riverbank to stabilize the bank and inadvertently created habitat that benefited salmon-eating fish. Crews will improve river habitat for salmon by planting native plants along the river’s banks. The pathway will link the island to the regional Sacagawea Heritage Trail and will accommodate activities such as walking, bicycling and skating. The port will contribute \$1.3 million. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account program. (08-1679)

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1603)

Chelan County Projects \$915,063

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$165,063
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

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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 grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1489)

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$750,000
Restoring Beebe Springs and the Columbia River**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use two grants to create a side-channel along the Columbia River for fish habitat, restore the shrub-steppe landscape and riverbank plantings and extend a trail. These grants are the next steps in a multi-phased project to preserve and restore riparian and shrub-steppe habitat at a 227-acre, former orchard surrounding the Chelan Hatchery. Crews also will develop a hand-carry boat launch and add interpretive signs. The department will provide \$500,000. These grants are from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account program and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1494, 08-1527)

Clallam County Projects \$2,452,245

**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 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 cattle farm 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 plan to sell their land to developers to finance their retirement. 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

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contribute about \$1 million in donations of cash and property interest, and a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 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 Elwha Klallam Tribe. The city will contribute \$379,746 in cash and donations of cash and labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1314)

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Clark County Projects..... \$6,547,084

Camas **\$1,000,000**

Buying Fallen Leaf Lake Park

Camas will use this grant to buy 55 acres of shoreline, forest and wetlands on Fallen Leaf Lake at the city’s northern edge. 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. 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 about \$1 million in cash and a state grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1205)

Clark County **\$62,085**

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 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 Rivers water trail systems. The county will contribute \$536,140 in conservation futures¹ and a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1247)

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

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

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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 \$1,944,977
Protecting and Restoring Washougal Oaks**

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use two grants to buy 160 acres east of Washougal at the western edge of the Columbia River Gorge and to restore about 85 acres in the Washougal Oaks Natural Area Preserve and Natural Resources Conservation Area. 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 River steelhead. Oak woodland ecosystems in western Washington have declined because of development, invasion by other trees and plants, grazing and fire suppression. This oak woodland type is considered critically imperiled globally. Restoration 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. 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. The grants are from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1186, 08-1400)

Cowlitz County Projects \$126,872

**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 boat launch to the Cowlitz River near downtown Longview. The land is next to 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1417)

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Douglas County Projects \$249,812

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1584)

Grant County Projects \$1,607,000

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission **\$1,607,000**

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1277)

Grays Harbor County Projects..... \$1,957,577

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

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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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1648)

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 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1157)

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 for hand launching boats only. The new ramp will allow power boaters and drift boaters to launch, reducing the pressure on nearby launches. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1487)

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1536)

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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 Himalayan blackberries and reed canary grass, replanting native plants and repairing areas damaged by off-road vehicles. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1397)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$103,070
Buying Ghost Forest

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to buy 112 acres, protecting more than a half mile of riverfront on both banks of the Copalis River. This acquisition will protect the geologic history of the area and allow people future access to the river. The land is near Griffiths-Priday Ocean State Park, which is on the Pacific Ocean and Copalis River. Just upstream from the park is an area known as the ghost forest. In 1700, a major earthquake sunk the shoreline up to 8 feet. Ocean tides brought in silt and sand, killing the plants and bushes and leaving a "ghost forest" behind. State Parks will contribute \$103,115 from a state grant and donations of cash. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account program. (08-1357)

Island County Projects \$728,698

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, a long growing season, and a good 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

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Ebey's Reserve farmlands. Once protected from development, the property will remain a farm 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1860)

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1538)

Jefferson County Projects..... \$1,548,699

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 types 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1773)

Jefferson County \$95,047
Preserving the Brown Dairy

Jefferson County and the Jefferson Land Trust will use this grant to buy a conservation easement for the 50-acre Brown dairy at the Chimacum crossroads. The Brown dairy

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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 \$95,047 in cash donations and conservation futures². This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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. The farm has 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1153)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$19,122**
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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1383)

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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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1356)

King County Projects **\$3,292,885**

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 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1635)

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 standing water is rotting the natural grass. This year, the field was swampy and

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unusable. The city will contribute \$1.6 million in cash, voter-approved bonds, and cash donations. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 futures⁴, labor, a local grant and donated labor. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1848)

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 intact, productive habitats. The natural area is home to Green River fall Chinook salmon. The county will contribute \$875,000 in conservation futures⁵. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1241)

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 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 other parts of Seattle. This is the last opportunity for the city to purchase property of this size from one owner. The city will contribute \$2.8 million in conservation futures⁶ and a voter-approved levy. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1292)

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Vashon Park District \$368,802

Improving the Vashon Athletic Fields

The Vashon Park District will use this grant to develop youth baseball, soccer, lacrosse and football fields at the north Vashon elementary site. The district will install drainage and irrigation systems and add field lighting, a restroom and other amenities. 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1340)

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)

For additional projects, look under "Multiple Counties Projects" beginning on page 35.

Kitsap County Projects..... \$3,755,113

Bainbridge Island Park District \$1,000,000

Buying Land for Manzanita Bay Park

The Bainbridge Island Park District will use this grant to buy 8.8 acres for a waterfront park. The grant will help buy 4.8 acres of land and 4 acres of tideland, including 464 feet of shoreline. Manzanita Bay Park will create the only public access to Manzanita Bay aside from one road end. The site's largely flat land and existing road allow for good vehicle approach and kayak drop-off. The land contains a pebbly beach, fruit trees, lawn, and views across the bay. Additionally, the tidelands are an abundant source of food for coho and Chinook salmon. The park district will contribute \$1 million in bonds and cash donations. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account program. (08-1961)

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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 is Bremerton's most used park, except for ball fields. It is bordered to the north and west by neighborhoods and small businesses that have been revitalization recently. The city will contribute \$1.6 million 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 **\$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 county will contribute \$1 million. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1337)

Port of Silverdale **\$36,088**

Providing Sailboat Storage

The Port of Silverdale will use this grant to provide storage for small sailboats. The Port will install six small floats that lock together and a grated ramp that connects to an existing float near the pier. The new float will provide a place for the Kitsap Sailing and Rowing Foundation to store its sailboats, and quicker and safer access to the water for the popular sailing program. Each sailing session, students wheel sailboats on small trailers to the port's boat launch at the north end of Dyes Inlet, congesting the launch and exposing students to potential accidents with vehicles. During the sailing season, the floats will provide storage for the sailboats. In winter, the sailboats will be stored elsewhere. The port will contribute \$54,136 from a state grant and donations of cash. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account program. (08-1900)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$1,719,025**

Preserving the Stavis and Kitsap Forest Natural Areas

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use two grants to buy about 112 acres in the 4,300-acre Stavis Natural Resources Conservation Area and Kitsap Forest Natural Area Preserve near Bremerton. Development threatens these properties, which

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are a crucial part of an area that contains the highest quality occurrence of a rare forest and a variety of high quality wildlife habitats. More than 98 percent of similar forests more than 100 years old in the Puget Trough eco-region have been lost since European settlement. The land is 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1182, 08-1183)

Kittitas County Projects \$1,045,019

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1324)

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

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to close 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1528)

**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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1530)

Klickitat County Projects \$859,801

**Washington Department of Natural Resources \$859,801
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 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 populations in Washington of Oregon spotted frog, which is on the state's list of endangered species. It is a staging

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area for the sandhill crane, which is on the state’s list of endangered species and a winter roost site for bald eagle, which is on the state’s list of sensitive species. The wetland 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, the largest Washington population of the rare Pulsifers monkey-flower and the only recently known occurrence of the state threatened Parry’s knotweed. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1184)

Lewis County Projects..... \$300,000

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 a 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. Currently most of the trail is closed to the public because of flood damage. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1361)

Mason County Projects..... \$5,703,715

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. 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1512)

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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, is only found in the Puget Trough eco-region 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 and horse, manila, butter and littleneck clams. State Parks will contribute \$2.5 million from a federal grant. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1330)

Okanogan County Projects..... \$9,126,590

Okanogan County **\$616,050**
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

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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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1373)

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1505)

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife **\$2,836,000**

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 the state lands restoration and enhancement category of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1524)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$1,000,000
Acquiring Land 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 is important to connect the state park with significant blocks of public lands through the Bear Creek corridor, which will provide year-round recreational, cultural and natural resource opportunities and preserve the views. Pearrygin Lake State Park is a 962-acre camping park on Pearrygin Lake, 4 miles north of Winthrop. The Hill-golf course properties consist 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1884)

Pacific County Projects \$2,040,500

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

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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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1537)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$400,000
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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1363)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$1,600,000
Protecting Seaview Dunes

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 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1808)

Pend Oreille County Projects \$4,140,000

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife \$4,140,000
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

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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 Projects \$5,011,521

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1124)

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District \$344,200
Renovating Maple Hollow

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District will use this grant to renovate 10 acres of the 58-acre Maple Hollow natural area park. Work will include restoring the walking trail, water system, viewpoints, picnic areas, bulkhead, and stairway to the beach, allowing public use of this site once again. The park has been closed to the public because of unsafe trails, a rotting wood retaining wall, and a failing bulkhead and stairway that provided the only path to the beach. Maple Hollow has more than a quarter-mile of saltwater beach and views of the Puget Sound and Mount Rainier. The park district will contribute \$344,200. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account program. (08-1122)

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 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

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salmon and wildlife habitat needing protection. The park district will contribute \$369,350. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1235)

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 \$1.6 million. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1409)

Tacoma Metropolitan Park District **\$463,788**

Acquiring Property within Wapato Park

The Tacoma Metropolitan Park District will use two grants to buy .22 acre, the last remaining privately owned waterfront property in Wapato Park, and complete a pathway along the lake. For the past 22 years, the park district has worked to purchase privately owned land within the park. At 34 acres, Wapato Lake is the largest lake in the city. The land to be purchased will provide 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. Work

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will include planting native plants to protect the shoreline and enhance water quality. The park district will contribute \$731,663 from voter-approved bonds. (08-1096, 08-1084)

Tacoma Metropolitan Park District \$426,683

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 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1091)

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1094)

Washington Department of Ecology \$500,000

Acquiring Dutcher Cove Tidelands

The Department of Ecology will use this grant to buy 26 acres of tidelands in Dutcher Cove, an estuary on Case Inlet in south Puget Sound. The tidelands are used by Chinook, chum, coho, cutthroat and steelhead, as well as geoducks, clams and oysters. This beach will accommodate non-motorized boating, walking and shellfish digging as well as become a stop on the Cascadia Marine Trail. The Washington Department of Natural Resources will manage the land with help from the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Parks District. The Department of Ecology will contribute \$500,000 from a federal grant. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (08-1688)

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San Juan County Projects \$650,000

San Juan County Land Bank \$650,000
Acquiring and Restoring Judd Cove

The San Juan County Land Bank will use this grant to help buy 7.7 acres near Eastsound on Orcas Island to expand the Judd Cove Preserve. The land includes forests, shellfish beds, healthy eelgrass beds and herring spawn habitat. Once the land is purchased, the land bank will close the log transport facility, remove the bulkhead and begin beach restoration. Kayaking, fishing, scuba diving, wildlife watching, beachcombing and other recreation activities will be allowed in the preserve. The land bank plans to link Judd Cove to the Turtleback Mountain Preserve, creating a rare ridgeline to shoreline trail through 800 acres of conservation property in Crow Valley. The land bank will contribute \$651,774 from a voter-approved levy, and donations of labor and materials. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (08-1285)

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Skagit County Projects \$6,821,640

Mount Vernon \$436,442
Building the Mount Vernon Riverfront North Trail

Mount Vernon will use this grant to build a .2-mile, multi-purpose riverfront trail that links to the city's trails and Lions Park. Crews also will plant the shoreline with native plants. The North Trail will serve as the backbone for further regional shoreline trails and provide a critical link between the city's largest urban trail and the downtown promenade. City, county and state public officials, including Skagit County Dike District #3, have contributed financial support. Mount Vernon will contribute \$436,442. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program. (08-1198)

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 spray 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

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and cash donations. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1303)

Mount Vernon

\$853,565

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 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 backbone of a regional shoreline trail system that will link trails north and south of downtown and will connect to the city trail system. Access to the shoreline for people with disabilities will be improved. The city will contribute \$1.5 million in cash and council bonds. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 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 locally. 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. The county will contribute \$319,455 in conservation futures.⁷ 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

\$65,178

Renovating Memorial Field

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate a softball field at Skagit Valley Playfields. The field has deteriorated and it is usable fewer weeks a year. The county will install a new drainage system, fencing, backstops and

⁷ Conservation futures are property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.

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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 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 \$72,822 in cash, labor and cash donations. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1299)

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1052)

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

\$4,500,000

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 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. The Trust for Public Lands holds an option to purchase some of the property from the owners, who otherwise plan to sell for development. State Parks will contribute

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\$4.1 million from federal and private grants and donations of labor and materials. The grants are from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1329, 08-1627)

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Snohomish County Projects \$1,770,210

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 nation-wide 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 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1580)

Lynnwood \$350,000

Developing the Stadler Ridge Park

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,

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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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1133)

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 owner are 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 futures⁸. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1111)

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Spokane County Projects \$2,868,924

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 will 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 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 congestion

⁸ Conservation futures are property taxes used by local governments to buy land or development rights to protect natural areas, forests, wetlands and farms.

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in Pavillion Park, the city's only other park. The city will contribute \$1.7 million in cash and donations of labor and land. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1630)

Spokane **\$493,000**

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 serve 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 \$493,024 in a federal grant and donations of cash, labor, land and materials. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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. The county wants to protect the land because of the critical nature of its habitat for wildlife, its million dollar views 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 \$1.6 million in conservation futures⁹. 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)

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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 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1332)

Thurston County Projects..... \$5,063,590

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1596)

Olympia **\$164,075**

Restoring Percival Landing

The Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will use this grant to clear the shoreline of debris, partially reshape and stabilize it with natural materials, and replant native vegetation at Percival Landing Park. The 3.38-acre park features picnic areas, overnight boat moorage, restrooms, showers, a playground and a .9-mile waterfront boardwalk that travels along the shoreline of West Bay in Budd Inlet. The boardwalk needs to be replaced if it is to remain open to the public. With this grant, crews also will add a connecting floating dock, which will complete the water-level pedestrian walkway all around the tip of Budd Inlet, as well as add two new gangways to access the pedestrian float system. Olympia will contribute \$164,075. This grant is from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account program. (08-1594)

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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 will 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 futures¹⁰, and federal and other grants. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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 prairies. The majority of habitat is a rare wetland habitat type, unique to the Black River.

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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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1535)

Washington Department of Natural Resources **\$1,804,875**
Expanding the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area

The Washington Department of Natural Resources will use two grants to buy about 79 acres to expand the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation 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. The land includes important tributaries to Chapman Bay and Woodard Bay, and a key portion of the Woodard Bay shoreline. 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1188, 08-1187)

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Whatcom County Projects \$2,286,979

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. 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1485)

Whatcom County **\$1,530,990**

Acquiring Lily Point

The Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Department will use two grants to buy 146 acres on Lily Point and develop a park. 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. The area is important habitat for salmon, orca whales and bald eagles as well as being within one of the most important migratory shorebird and waterfowl areas on the West Coast. 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 grant also will reimburse the county for a portion of the 130 acres it purchased there previously. The county will contribute \$500,000 in conservation futures¹¹ and federal grants. These grants are from the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account grant program and Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1587, 08-1682)

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

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conservation futures¹². This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1638)

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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1609)

Multiple Counties Projects \$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

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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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1690)

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 in or near parks. 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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (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. This grant is from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. (08-1870)