



STATE OF WASHINGTON

RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE

September 2008

Item #8d: **Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program**
Urban Wildlife Habitat Ranked List for Fiscal Year 2010

Prepared By: Scott T. Robinson, Conservation and Grant Services
Section Manager

Presented By: Scott T. Robinson, Conservation and Grant Services
Section Manager

**Approved by the
Director:**

Proposed Action: Decision

RCW or Policy Description of Category

“Urban Wildlife Habitat means lands that provide habitat important to wildlife in close proximity to a metropolitan area.”¹

Summary

Fifteen Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects requesting \$17.7 million were evaluated on July 31–August 1, 2008, in an open public meeting. The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) is being asked to approve Table 1, which shows the ranked list of projects and staff recommendation for projects to be forwarded to the Governor.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Table 1, which shows the ranked list of projects. If approved by the Board, staff will forward the list to the Governor.

¹ Chapter 79A.15.010(11), Acquisition of Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Lands



In keeping with Board guidelines, Table 1 includes enough projects to use the statutory amount set aside for this category and alternates.

Resolution #2008-038 is provided for Board consideration.

Program Policies

Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects provide habitat for fish and wildlife. These habitats include forests, riparian zones, and wetlands, and may serve as a corridor for wildlife movement in existing populated areas. To be eligible for consideration in this category, a project must be:

- Within five miles of the urban growth boundary of a city/town with a population of at least 5,000; or
- Within five miles of an adopted urban growth area in a county that has a population density of at least 200 people per square mile.

Other factors related to this program are:

Eligible Applicants	Local and state agencies
Eligible Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquisition and development/restoration• Habitat enhancement or creation• Where appropriate, development of public use facilities such as trails, viewing blinds, restrooms, and parking
Funding Limits	No minimum or maximum grant request limit per project
Match Requirements	Local agency applicants must provide a 50% matching share
Public Access	May provide for public use for wildlife interpretation and observation

The Urban Wildlife Habitat category is eligible to receive 20 percent of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program funds in the Habitat Conservation Account.²

Evaluation Summary

Fifteen Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects requesting \$17.7million were evaluated on July 31–August 1, 2008, in an open public meeting. A team of eight evaluators used Board-adopted criteria to review and rank the projects. The evaluation team, composed of individuals recognized for their expertise, experience, and knowledge related to habitat enhancement and conservation, included:

² Chapter 79A.15.040(1)(c) RCW

Evaluator	Affiliation
Mary Carr	U.S. Forest Service
Russell Link	WA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Mike Caputa	Chelan County Department of Natural Resources
Patricia Powell	Whidbey Camano Land Trust
Pene Speaks	WA Department of Natural Resources
Ann Van Sweringen	Citizen
Barb Wood	Thurston County Water and Waste Management
Debbie Young	Tacoma Public Utilities

The results of the evaluations, provided for Board consideration, are found in *Table 1 – WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Ranked List of Projects, Fiscal Year 2010*.

Attachments

Resolution #2008-038

Table 1 – WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Ranked List of Projects, FY 2010

- A. State Map for Urban Wildlife Habitat Category projects
- B. Urban Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Criteria Summary
- C. Urban Wildlife Habitat Project Evaluation Scoring Summary
- D. Urban Wildlife Habitat Project Summaries (a synopsis of each proposal)

RESOLUTION #2008-038

**Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program
Urban Wildlife Habitat Category - Fiscal Year 2010
Ranked List of Projects**

WHEREAS, for fiscal year 2010 of the 2009-2011 biennium, fifteen Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects are eligible for funding from the Habitat Conservation Account of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and

WHEREAS, these Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects were evaluated using criteria approved by Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (Board) members, and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in an open public meeting, thereby supporting the Board's strategy to ensure that its work is conducted with integrity and in a fair and open manner, and

WHEREAS, all fifteen Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects meet program requirements as stipulated in Manual #10b, *Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program- Habitat Conservation and Riparian Protection Accounts: Policies and Project Selection*, including criteria regarding public benefit and relationship to established plans, and

WHEREAS, the projects address a variety of Urban Wildlife habitat needs and their evaluation included information about the quality and function of the habitat and the demonstrated need to protect it for fish and/or wildlife, thereby supporting the Board's strategy to provide partners with funding for projects that help sustain Washington's biodiversity, protect "listed" species, and maintain fully functioning ecosystems,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in Table 1 – *WWRP, Urban Wildlife Habitat Ranked List of Projects*, FY 2010, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby recommends to the Governor the ranked list of Urban Wildlife Habitat category projects for further consideration.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (underline one)

Date: _____

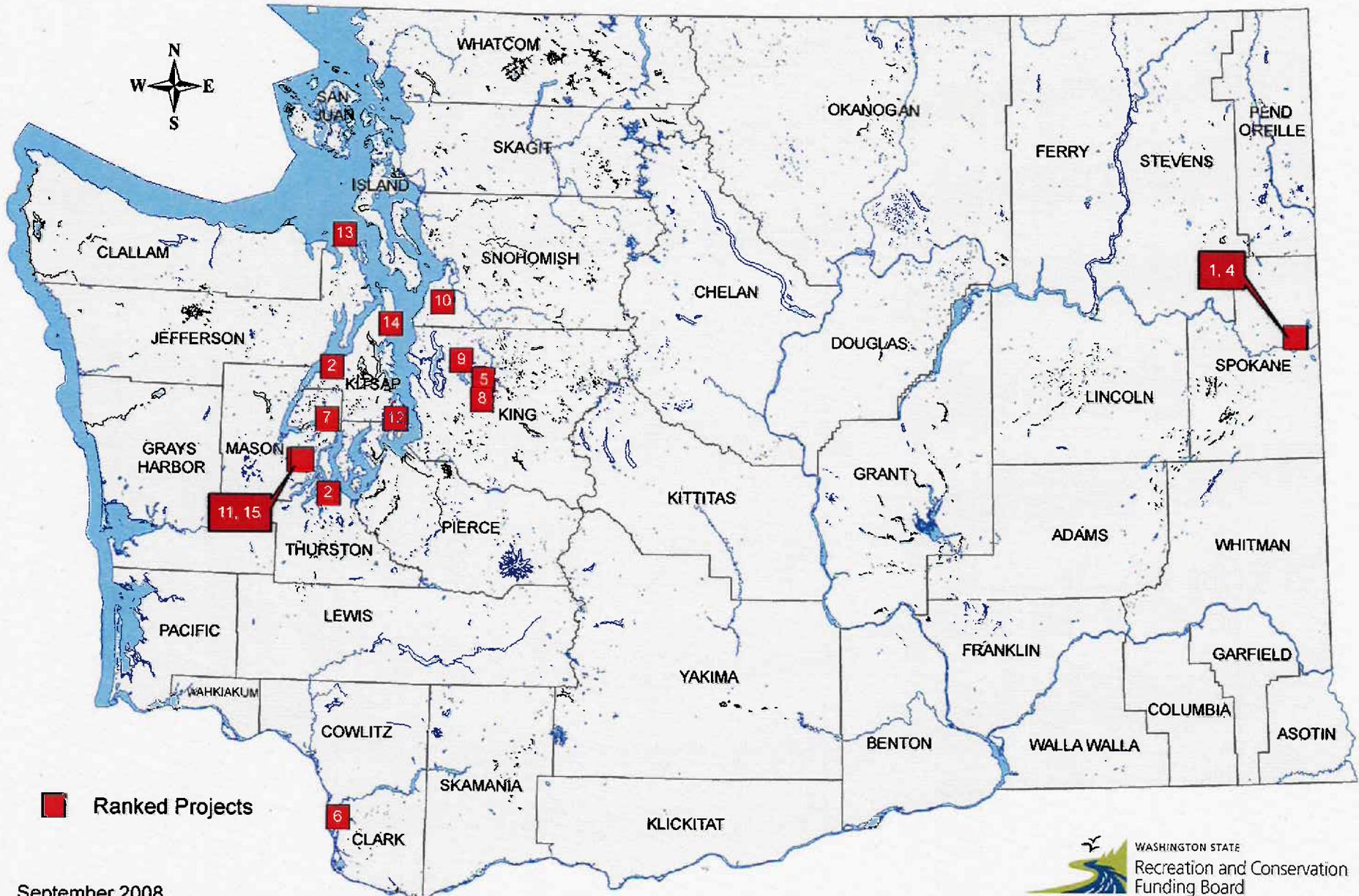
Table 1
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Urban Wildlife
State Fiscal Year 2010

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	RCO Amount	Sponsor Amount	Total Amount	Cumulative Amount
1 of 15	65.750	08-1334A	Antoine Peak Acquisition Phase 2	Spokane County Parks & Rec	\$1,674,450	\$1,674,450	\$3,348,900	\$1,674,450
2 of 15	64.250	08-1182A	Stavis NRCA / Kitsap Forest NAP 2008	Natural Resources Dept of	\$1,586,025		\$1,586,025	\$3,260,475
2 of 15	64.250	08-1187A	Woodard Bay NRCA 2008	Natural Resources Dept of	\$1,036,455		\$1,036,455	\$4,296,930
4 of 15	61.875	08-1335A	Antoine Peak Acquisition Phase 3	Spokane County Parks & Rec	\$1,884,850	\$1,884,850	\$3,769,700	\$6,181,780
5 of 15	61.750	08-1787A	Grand Ridge - Canyon Creek Acquisition	King County of	\$510,000	\$1,700,000	\$2,210,000	\$6,691,780
6 of 15	60.500	08-1247A	Mud Lake/Lewis River	Clark County of	\$536,140	\$536,140	\$1,072,280	\$7,227,920
7 of 15	60.000	08-1512A	Lynch Cove Estuary	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$1,406,265		\$1,406,265	\$8,634,185
8 of 15	59.875	08-1181A	West Tiger Mt., Mount Si, and Rattlesnake Mt.	Natural Resources Dept of	\$3,573,307		\$3,573,307	\$12,207,492
9 of 15	56.500	08-1366D	Audubon Birdloop, Phase II	King County DNR & Parks	\$74,522	\$75,000	\$149,522	\$12,282,014
10 of 15	52.625	08-1591D	NW Stream Center Boardwalk Interpretive Trail	Snohomish County Parks Dept	\$220,750	\$220,750	\$441,500	\$12,502,764
11 of 15	52.125	08-1511A	John's Creek Prairie and Estuary	Fish & Wildlife Dept of	\$2,764,200		\$2,764,200	\$15,266,964
12 of 15	50.750	08-1423A	Judd Ck Watershed / Paradise Valley Preservation	King County DNR & Parks	\$578,550	\$578,550	\$1,157,100	\$15,845,514
13 of 15	50.000	08-1478A	Quimper Wildlife Corridor	Port Townsend City of	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$16,345,514
14 of 15	47.250	08-1429A	North Kitsap Heritage Park-Phase 2	Kitsap County Parks and Rec	\$1,000,000	\$1,151,550	\$2,151,550	\$17,345,514
15 of 15	43.000	08-1061D	Oakland Bay County Park Development	Mason County	\$353,000	\$357,000	\$710,000	\$17,698,514
					\$17,698,514	\$8,678,290	\$26,376,804	

Note: Funds available, to be determined.

Prepared: 08/27/2008

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Urban Wildlife Habitat (WWRP - UWH) FY 2010 Ranked Projects



September 2008

Attachment B: Urban Wildlife Habitat Category Evaluation Criteria Summary

Evaluation Criteria Summary Table

“Urban Wildlife Habitat means lands that provide habitat important to wildlife in proximity to a metropolitan area.” RCW 79A.15.010

WWRP - Urban Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Summary		
Criteria	Evaluation Elements	Possible Points
Project Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate the project on statewide, vicinity, and site maps • Brief summary of the project [goal(s) and objective(s) statement] 	Not scored
Ecological and Biological Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bigger picture • Uniqueness/significance of the site • Fish and wildlife species and or communities • Quality of Habitat 	20
Species and Communities with Special Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threat to species/communities • Importance of acquisitions • Ecological roles • Taxonomic distinctness • Rarity 	10
Manageability and Viability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediacy of threat to the site • Long-term viability • Enhancement of existing protected land • On-going stewardship 	15
Public Benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project support 	10
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational and/or scientific value 	5
Public Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for, and appropriate level of, public use 	10
GMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMA Planning Requirement 	0
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population of, and proximity to, the nearest urban area 	10
Total Points Possible		80

Scoring Criteria

Team Scored

1. **Ecological/Biological Characteristics.** Why is the site worthy of long-term conservation?
RCW 79A.15.060 (6)(a)(iii, v - vii, xi, xiv); (6)(b)(ii)
2. **Species and/or Communities with Special Status.** What is the significance of each species or community listed on your species and communities status matrix?
RCW 79A.15.060 (6)(a)(iv, ix, xiii,)
3. **Manageability and Viability.** What is the likelihood of the site remaining viable over the long term and why is it important to secure it now?
RCW 79A.15.060 (6)(a)(ii, iv, viii, x)
4. **Public Benefit.** To what degree do communities, governments, landowners, constituent groups, or academia benefit from or support the project?
RCW 79A.15.060 (6)(a)(i, xii)
5. **Public Use.** Does this project provide potential opportunities for public access, education, and/or enjoyment?
Assessment of Outdoor Recreation in Washington State –2002-2007, Chapters 1 and 5.

Prescored/RCO Staff Scored

6. **GMA Preference.** Has the applicant made progress toward meeting the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA)?
RCW 43.17.250 (GMA-preference required.)
7. **Proximity to Urban Areas.** Where is this project located with respect to urban growth areas, cities/towns, and county density?
RCW 79A.25.250 (IAC urban area parks);
RCW 79A.15.060 (6)(b)(i)(WWRP);

**Attachment C: Evaluation Summary
Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program - Urban Wildlife
State Fiscal Year 2010**

Question #		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
		Ecological Biological Characteristics	Species with Special Status	Manageability and Viability	Public Benefit	Educational Scientific Benefit	Public Use	GMA Preference	Proximity to Urban Areas	Total
1	Antoine Peak Ac/Spokane	19.500	8.750	13.500	8.625	4.125	8.250	-1.000	4.000	65.750
2	Stavis NRCA / K/DNR	17.250	8.500	13.000	7.500	3.750	6.250	0.000	8.000	64.250
2	Woodard Bay NRC/DNR	16.375	8.375	12.500	9.000	4.500	8.500	0.000	5.000	64.250
4	Antoine Peak Ac/Spokane	17.750	7.875	12.875	8.250	4.250	7.875	-1.000	4.000	61.875
5	Grand Ridge - C/King County	15.625	7.375	12.375	7.500	3.625	7.250	0.000	8.000	61.750
6	Mud Lake/Lewis /Clark Co	17.375	7.875	12.250	7.750	3.625	7.625	-1.000	5.000	60.500
7	Lynch Cove Estu/Fish & Wildlife	16.625	7.500	13.000	8.375	4.125	7.375	0.000	3.000	60.000
8	West Tiger Mt./DNR	14.125	7.000	13.125	7.500	4.125	8.000	0.000	6.000	59.875
9	Audubon Birdloo/King County	10.875	5.875	10.125	8.250	4.125	9.250	0.000	8.000	56.500
10	NW Stream Cente/Snohomish	10.000	4.750	10.250	8.750	4.875	9.000	0.000	5.000	52.625
11	John's Creek Pr/Fish & Wildlife	14.625	6.875	10.875	6.625	3.875	8.250	0.000	1.000	52.125
12	Judd Ck Watersh/King County	11.375	5.625	9.125	6.250	2.875	5.500	0.000	10.000	50.750
13	Quimper Wildlife/Port Townsend	12.625	6.375	10.875	7.625	3.625	7.875	0.000	1.000	50.000
14	North Kitsap He/Kitsap Co	10.250	5.375	9.250	7.000	2.125	6.250	0.000	7.000	47.250
15	Oakland Bay Cou/Mason Co	10.625	4.375	9.500	6.875	3.750	7.875	-1.000	1.000	43.000

**Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program,
Urban Wildlife Habitat Category**

Fiscal Year 2010

Project Synopses

Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

URBAN WILDLIFE HABITAT

State Fiscal Year 2010 Projects, In Ranked Order

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$1,674,450	\$1,674,450	\$3,348,900

Spokane County Parks & Rec

08-1334A Antoine Peak Acquisition Phase 2

This 1,100 acre site includes the summit of a 3,375' mountain (Antoine Peak) that forms a prominent and spectacular backdrop to the Cities of Spokane, Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake and Newman Lake. In this second phase of the acquisition, we are requesting funds to purchase 370 acres. Spokane County wants to protect this land because of the critical nature of its habitat for wildlife, to protect its million dollar viewshed, and to open up this premier "watchable wildlife" area to the nearly half-million residents of Spokane County.

It is rare, if not unique, for a natural area of this size and diversity to be within one mile of an Urban Growth Boundary. This site offers a broad range of year-round outdoor activities such as hiking, wildlife watching, equestrian trails, mountain biking, picnicking, trail running, and cross country skiing. It is part of an important wildlife corridor that stretches north to Mt. Spokane State Park and up into the Selkirk Mountains. It is used year round by elk, moose, black bear, deer and many other mammals. Many permanent and intermittent streams transect the property providing critical water. It also helps recharge the Rathdrum Prairie-Spokane Aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for over 500,000 people. Over 8 Federal or State Species with Special Status use the area. This is an opportunity to purchase and protect 370 very unique urban acres - an area offering tremendous ecological, scenic and recreational value for all residents of the State of Washington, especially Spokane.

Rank (1 of 15)

<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$1,586,025	\$0	\$1,586,025

Dept of Natural Resources

08-1182A Stavis NRCA / Kitsap Forest NAP 2008

This project will acquire properties in the Stavis NRCA and Kitsap Forest NAP near Bremerton in Kitsap County. These properties are highly threatened by development and are a crucial part of a project area that contains the highest quality occurrence of a rare forest community type and a variety of high quality wildlife habitats. More than 98 percent of similar mature forest conditions (>100 years old) in the Puget Trough ecoregion have been lost since European settlement. The project area is one part of a much larger landscape-scale 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 threatened Hood Canal summer chum. High-quality freshwater wetlands at the site form the headwaters of the creek and have habitat for cavity-nesting ducks. The site also hosts an active bald eagle nest, a small great blue heron rookery, breeding mountain quail, chinook salmon, cougar, and black bear. The objective is to protect all functionally connected natural-regeneration forests and high-quality wetlands from development, timber harvest, and other commercial uses. This project greatly enhances the long-term viability and quality of wildlife habitat in a still-intact functional landscape that is threatened with urban fragmentation.

Rank (2 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dept of Natural Resources	\$1,036,455	\$0	\$1,036,455
08-1187A Woodard Bay NRCA 2008			

Acquisition of additional forested acreage will enhance the Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) and the viability of the urban wildlife habitat in a rapidly developing residential area. Small tributary streams and a pond also occur on the priority parcels for acquisition. Land acquisition will ensure that the site continues to provide important habitat for wildlife, including nesting Bald Eagles, a significant heron rookery and the largest harbor seal nursery in south Puget Sound. 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 NRCA. Located within minutes of downtown Olympia and the City of Lacey, the NRCA offers many opportunities for environmental education, including interpretive signs and nature trails with views of tideland, old growth cedar and a myriad of wildlife.

Rank (2 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Spokane County Parks & Rec	\$1,884,850	\$1,884,850	\$3,769,700
08-1335A Antoine Peak Acquisition Phase 3			

This site includes the summit of a 3,375' mountain (Antoine Peak) that forms a prominent and spectacular backdrop to the Cities of Spokane, Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake and Newman Lake. In this third phase, we are requesting funds to purchase 326 acres of a total 1,100 acre ownership. Spokane County wants to protect this land because of the critical nature of its habitat for wildlife, to protect its million dollar viewshed, and to open up this premier "watchable wildlife" area to the nearly half-a-million people of Spokane county.

It is rare, if not unique, for a natural area of this size and diversity to be within one mile of an Urban Growth Boundary. This site offers a broad range of year-round outdoor activities such as hiking, wildlife watching, equestrian trails, mountain biking, picnicking, trail running, and cross country skiing. It is part of an important wildlife corridor that stretches north to Mt. Spokane State Park and up into the Selkirk Mts. It is used year round by elk, moose, black bear, deer and many other mammals. A pond and many permanent and intermittent streams transect the property offering critical water. It also helps recharge the Rathdrum Prairie-Spokane Aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for over 500,000 people. Over 8 Federal or State Species with Special Status use the area. This is an opportunity to purchase and protect 326 very unique urban acres - an area offering tremendous ecological, scenic and recreational value for all residents of the State of Washington, especially Spokane.

Rank (4 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
County of King	\$510,000	\$1,700,000	\$2,210,000
08-1787A Grand Ridge - Canyon Creek Acquisition			

King County will use this funding to purchase approximately 75 acres of forested land which will be added to Grand Ridge Park. Grand Ridge Park is a 1200-acre County-owned open space park adjacent to the 400-acre County-owned Mitchell Hill Forest and connected to the south to West Tiger Mountain Natural Resource Conservation Area, Tiger Mountain State Forest and Taylor Mountain County Forest. The large area of contiguous forest provides habitat and migration areas for numerous wildlife species including black bears, cougars, bobcats, bald eagles, pileated woodpeckers, amphibians and freshwater mussels. The area receives considerable low impact public use by hikers, bikers, and horseback riders and contains valuable connections to existing trails in the surrounding network of public lands.

The target parcels contain approximately 4200 feet of both sides of Canyon Creek and approximately 1700 feet of a Canyon Creek tributary. Canyon Creek drains to Patterson Creek which is a tributary to the Snoqualmie River. Patterson Creek was designated as one of 17 basins in King County with the highest quality habitat under the Waterways 2000 Program. Canyon Creek supports the most diverse salmon spawning populations in the Patterson Creek basin. Canyon Creek provides rearing and spawning habitat for Chinook and steelhead (listed as threatened under ESA), chum and coho salmon and searun cutthroat trout. There is very strong community support from several community groups and residents in the area for this acquisition.

Rank (5 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
County of Clark	\$536,140	\$536,140	\$1,072,280
08-1247A Mud Lake/Lewis River			

This project will acquire 341 acres of shoreline, wetlands, riparian forests, and associated upland forests on Mud Lake and the Lewis River in northwest Clark County, two miles upstream of the Columbia River. The project includes one mile of shoreline on the Lewis and the entire bed and shoreline of 74-acre Mud Lake. The site encompasses 7 priority habitats and 33 priority species and communities. The site provides rearing and sanctuary areas for 4 populations of ESA listed salmon and steelhead. There are 6 bald eagle nesting territories within a mile radius of the project site and a communal roost borders the south end of the property. The project site lies within the Sauvies Island Christmas Bird Count Circle, bird counts typically average about 120 species, most of which use this site. The project site borders a 70-acre natural area that is owned by the Columbia Land Trust.

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. The site is also a central feature in a bi-state system of protected habitat lands on the Columbia River between the Willamette and Lewis Rivers. Partner agencies manage over 20,000 acres of critical habitat within this bi-state system. The project site provides excellent opportunities for hiking, bird-watching, and outdoor education, and is part of the Lewis and Columbia River water trail systems.

Rank (6 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dept of Fish & Wildlife	\$1,406,265	\$0	\$1,406,265
08-1512A Lynch Cove Estuary			

WDFW's Lynch Cove estuary project seeks to acquire 170 acres of wetland habitat on the Tahuya Peninsula near Belfair for protection of estuarine habitat for wildlife and marine fish resources, including five species of salmonids. With adjacent land owned by WDFW, Cascade and Great Peninsula Land Trusts, the project will protect more than 540 acres of quality estuarine and upland habitat. These combined properties compose nearly the entire Lynch Cove estuary. This project will benefit five species of Pacific salmon, including two federally listed salmon species. Hood Canal summer chum spawn in the Union River in good numbers and are considered the strong-hold in the lower canal for salmon recovery efforts. Chinook salmon, which also spawn in the lower river, are considered the most dependent on estuarine habitat during their early life history and inhabit the Hood Canal shorelines in high numbers during spring migration to ocean waters. Juvenile summer chum and Chinook salmon depend upon shallow protected nearshore waters such as estuaries for refuge from predators, while offering shelter, wide salinity gradients and abundant food sources. Over 15,000 ducks, geese and brant winter in Lynch Cove through the winter months. 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 parcels in the UGA that had been divided for home sites. The protection of these estuary parcels will complete the larger conservation of the estuary.

Rank (7 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dept of Natural Resources	\$3,573,307	\$0	\$3,573,307
08-1181A West Tiger Mt., Mount Si, and Rattlesnake Mt.			

This proposal is for acquisition of privately owned properties for inclusion in the Mount Si and West Tiger Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Areas (NRCA) and the Rattlesnake Mountain Scenic Area. The properties will be managed to protect significant urban wildlife habitat, provide opportunities for low-impact public use and outdoor environmental education, and provide vital open space, landscape and wildlife habitat connections, and scenic vistas. The three NRCAs are all located in King County and are among the most popular destinations along the I-90/Mountains to Sound Greenway corridor. High priority properties to be acquired in key locations at each site would help improve the ecological and management integrity of the large land areas previously acquired and currently protected.

Rank (8 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
King County DNR & Parks	\$74,522	\$75,000	\$149,522
08-1366D Audubon Birdloop, Phase II			

Phase II of the Audubon Birdloop project will create excellent viewing opportunities for visitors to observe and understand the remarkably diverse wildlife that inhabits Marymoor Park's 300-acre protected natural area. Once completed, the Birdloop project will protect the area's ecologically sensitive habitat from inappropriate public use and access by repairing and enhancing the existing nature trail, restoring native habitat, installing interpretive kiosks and educational signage, and constructing a new elevated viewing platform. Marymoor Park is a 640-acre regional park amenity situated between Redmond and the northern end of Lake Sammamish, serving King County's 1.8 million inhabitants and beyond.

A literal oasis of habitat in a desert of suburban development, the Birdloop offers a rare glimpse into the Sammamish slough and Lake Sammamish shoreline. In addition to a wealth of bird species such as eagles, osprey, and owls, the park is home to more than 20 types of terrestrial wildlife and 150 species of trees, shrubs, flowers, and plants. Species of concern found in Marymoor include the bald eagle, common loon, pileated woodpecker, and Chinook salmon, which will all benefit from the restored and protected habitat that this project creates.

This is Phase II of a multi-phased volunteer-based effort led by community partner, Eastside Audubon, which will provide educational programming and long-term maintenance of the trail and surrounding habitat.

Rank (9 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Snohomish County Parks Dept	\$220,750	\$220,750	\$441,500
08-1591D NW Stream Center Boardwalk Interpretive Trail			

In partnership with the Adopt-A-Stream Foundation (AASF), Snohomish County Parks and Recreation will use this grant to construct a 2000 linear ft-long by 6 to 8 feet-wide raised boardwalk interpretive trail through 20-acres of riparian habitat at NW Stream Center in Mc Collum Park (a 74.33 acre regional park).

The raised boardwalk interpretive trail will lead up to 45,000 visitors a year through a forest and wetland complex next to a stream in an urban environment past stream/wetland/forest ecology interpretive signs. This beautiful pocket of riparian habitat is located next to North Creek, a salmon stream that flows to the Sammamish River and Lake Washington.

The site is located in a heavily developed area between the Cities of Everett and Mill Creek. It includes fresh water marsh, wet meadows, forested wetlands and upland cedar groves. There, the public will learn the interconnections between forests, wetlands, streams, fish/wildlife and people. Our goal is for visitors to use that training to enhance watersheds throughout Washington State.

The AASF is providing a \$200,000 grant for this project. AASF will organize a volunteer effort to assist in the boardwalk construction. A ASF also constructed a \$1.1 million Visitors Building with conference, exhibit and classroom space on site; and is building an outdoor Trout Stream Exhibit with viewing windows into stream habitat with labor, equipment and materials donated by 40 businesses from the construction industry.

Rank (10 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dept of Fish & Wildlife	\$2,764,200	\$0	\$2,764,200
08-1511A John's Creek Prairie and Estuary			

WDFW's John's Creek acquisition seeks to acquire 76 acres of estuary and Puget Sound Oak prairie. This is extremely rare to have oak prairie immediately adjacent to the salt marsh community.

Chum and Coho salmon spawn in this section of Johns Creek. The estuary is important rearing habitat for listed Puget Sound Chinook. Due to the unique formation during the last ice age this is the only location in Puget Sound where oak prairie abuts the marine shoreline and saltmarsh. The prairie- oak functions would be restored on the golf course portion of the property yielding an extremely unique habitat type and location. This would also allow the reintroduction of the State listed mazama pocket gopher which exists on the upland prairies adjacent to this area.

The estuary in Oakland Bay is important habitat for wintering waterfowl as well as extremely productive and important shellfish beds. The commercial and recreational shellfish beds provide important food resources for declining seaduck populations including scoters. The mudflats of the estuary are foraging grounds for declining shorebirds. This is a very important South Sound chum fishery. However, there is not legal access to the fishing location. WDFW owns all of the surrounding shellfish beds. This will provide important public access to these resources. The acquisition and protection of this site will also protect it from residential subdivision which is being proposed for the site. The Clc has secured an option for purchase that will be good through 2010.

Rank (11 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
King County DNR & Parks	\$578,550	\$578,550	\$1,157,100
08-1423A Judd Ck Watershed / Paradise Valley Preservation			

This project is Phase 3 of a multi-phase effort to protect key wildlife habitats in the Judd Creek Watershed on Vashon Island. The project will acquire 43 acres of forested upland, riparian and stream habitat to be added to the 15-acre Paradise Valley Natural Area on the main stem of Judd Creek. The Paradise Valley region of Judd Creek contains the most productive salmon spawning habitat on Vashon Island for coho and chum salmon, as well as searun cutthroat trout. Judd Creek also sustains populations of the uncommon Western Pearlshell mussel, recently listed as a species of concern in Washington State. The proposed project area includes numerous wetlands, different forest types, and meadows and edge habitats that support migrating neo-tropical song birds. The target parcels include more than 3,000 feet of Class S stream, as well as the convergence of the east and west forks of Judd Creek which then flows south into Quartermaster Harbor. Judd Creek is the largest single source of fresh water to nutrient-challenged Quartermaster Harbor, so this project will protect and improve water quality for juvenile Chinook salmon and other marine species. The sites are appropriate for trail development, and could one day provide linkage between Vashon's main equestrian park on Paradise Ridge to the island's most extensive trail system at Island Center Forest. Traditional trail routes between these two areas across private lands have been cut off numerous times in recent years by new landowners. Completed: Phase 1 & 2 preserved 15 acres

Rank (12 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
City of Port Townsend	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
08-1478A Quimper Wildlife Corridor			

The City of Port Townsend, Jefferson Land Trust and Jefferson County have been working with the community to protect a ribbon of green across the Quimper Peninsula, connecting a series of wetlands, forests and floodplains that provide habitat for over 200 bird species, amphibians and mammals. This project will allow the City of Port Townsend to acquire remaining critical wetland, floodplain and upland habitat in the Winona Basin area that has been identified as Tier I priority in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor concept. The Winona Basin area has high diversity of habitat and wildlife species and qualifies as a priority habitat under the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Priority Habitat and Species Program. Most of this area of the City was platted into 50 x 100 lots in the 1880's and development pressures in the area are high. Purchase of the floodplain, forest and upland parcels in the Winona Basin will protect the high quality habitat and further the efforts to connect this area with other important habitat areas that extend from the City into Jefferson County and across the Quimper Peninsula.

Rank (13 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Kitsap County Parks and Rec	\$1,000,000	\$1,151,550	\$2,151,550
08-1429A North Kitsap Heritage Park-Phase 2			

Kitsap County completed phase I of the acquisition of the North Kitsap Heritage Park Site with the Purchase of 450 acres in 2001 in the North Kitsap area. This grant application for Phase II seeks to complete the park acquisition with the purchase of the remaining 376 acres. The acquisition of the North Kitsap Heritage Park site was carried out in accordance with the County's 2000 Park and Open Space Plan to focus on being a regional park service provider for County, filling a need for park facilities that has been unmet by existing facilities. Kitsap County has acquired 5 regional heritage park sites since 2000 with the North Kitsap Heritage Park being the only heritage park in the northern half of the county. Heritage parks are sites large enough (500 acres, minimum) to remain largely undeveloped while providing for a wide range of active uses and trail needs, and preserving environmentally sensitive areas. The North Kitsap Heritage Park is conveniently located to the major population centers of North Kitsap: Poulsbo, Bainbridge Island, Kingston and Indianola.

Rank (14 of 15)

	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Match</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mason County	\$353,000	\$357,000	\$710,000
08-1061D Oakland Bay County Park Development			

In 2005, Mason County and the Capitol Land Trust partnered to purchase 81.87 acres on Oakland Bay. Mason County owns the property and the Capitol Land Trust has a Conservation Easement that regulates the future use of the Park. In 2008, Mason County Parks and Trails Department completed a master plan for Oakland Bay Park and this grant request would be to implement a phase I development project based on the Master Plan.

Oakland Bay Park is mostly undeveloped with the exception of an old homestead and an entry road. The homestead has an old home built in the 1890's, an open meadow, and fruit orchard and a salmon bearing stream - Melaney Creek. The park provides great views of Oakland Bay. The Conservation Easement primarily protects buffer areas along the waterfront of Oakland Bay and Melaney Creek.

Eventual plans for the park include passive recreation, wildlife viewing, trails, environmental education and environmental interpretation. This phase I request would provide road improvements to the County access road, improvements to the park entry road, and development of a small parking - staging area that would provide access to the park. The parking-staging area would include vehicle parking, bus turnaround, informational kiosk, and sanitary facilities.

Rank (15 of 15)