

ANNUAL STATE LAND ACQUISITION COORDINATING FORUM

*Senate Hearing Room 3, Cherberg Building, Capitol Campus*

July 16, 2009

*9:00am to 4:00pm*

**Goals:** The Habitat and Recreation Lands Coordinating Group (Lands Group) is directed to “develop and convene an annual forum for agencies to coordinate their near-term acquisition and disposal plans.” The Annual State Land Acquisition Coordinating Forum is a chance for state agencies to discuss which lands they have been funded to acquire and why in order to identify opportunities for coordinating land acquisitions and disposals.

**Objectives:**

- **Share information**

The first Annual Forum is designed to facilitate coordination of acquisition budget implementation. Agency participants will share information about funded project lists and will show potential acquisition and disposal sites on maps.

- **Identify coordination opportunities**

An informal, open discussion will allow participants to identify opportunities for coordinating acquisition and disposal plans with other agencies that may be buying or disposing of lands in similar areas.

- **Follow-up**

The Lands Group will encourage participants to follow-up on coordination opportunities and will schedule a debriefing meeting to learn how coordination was achieved.

**Format:** In the morning, attendees will view participant presentations and maps and the afternoon will be structured to identify opportunities for acquisition coordination. Informal, open discussion will be encouraged throughout the day.

**Participants:** Representatives from the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Parks Commission, Conservation Commission, Department of Ecology and Department of Transportation will attend and present acquisition and disposal information. The meeting is open to the public.

**Outcomes:**

- **Biennial forecast**

Agency participants will help the Lands Group collect specific information about potential acquisition and disposals in order to develop a biennial forecast. The forecast includes future project areas to be used for early coordination with local governments and land trusts and will provide transparency to the public and legislature.

- **Establish networks**

The Lands Group will assist participants in making connections with other agencies and in following through with specific opportunities.

- **Report to the legislature**

Regional opportunities for coordination will be captured and reported by the Lands Group in its annual report to the legislature.

- **Recommendations in 2012**

Overall coordination strategies will be analyzed and recommendations will be provided to the legislature in 2012.

***Follow-up:*** Participant contact information will be collected and distributed to the group. The Lands Group will schedule and host a debriefing meeting to learn how coordination of specific acquisitions was achieved.

***Next Steps:*** The Lands Group will post a synopsis of the Forum on the Lands Group website (<http://www.rco.wa.gov/rco/h&rlcg/default.htm>) and will update schedules for the next Forum in 2010. The Annual Report to the legislature will also be posted on the website.