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**Benton County ..... \$500,000**

**Port of Kennewick ..... \$500,000**

**Improving Pathways and Salmon Habitat at 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, railings, and renovated 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 the 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. (08-1679)

**Chelan County..... \$500,000**

**Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ..... \$500,000**

**Improving Beebe Springs Natural Area**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will use this grant to improve the Beebe Springs Natural Area, which surrounds the Chelan Hatchery. Crews will extend a trail, create a side-channel area along the Columbia River where young fish can grow, restore shrub-steppe, plant native plants along the river, develop a hand-carry boat launch, and add interpretive signs. This is the third phase of a project to restore the river bank and shrub-steppe habitat at a former orchard. The department will contribute \$500,000 in cash and a state grant. (08-1494)

**Cowlitz County ..... \$159,202**

**Castle Rock ..... \$159,202**

**Extending Riverfront Trail**

Castle Rock, along with the Castle Rock School District, will use this grant to extend Riverfront Trail north by half a mile, connecting it to State Route 411 and the Cowlitz River. Crews will build a viewing and fishing platform and parking. They also will install

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bike racks, benches, signs, and landscaping, as well as restore the river bank and creek. Development of the Riverfront Trail began in 1996 with a vision to connect people to each other and the river, and to provide recreational opportunities for the community. Castle Rock will contribute \$239,956 in labor, equipment, federal and local grants, and donations of cash, equipment, and labor. (08-1809)

**Grays Harbor County ..... \$103,070**

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission ..... \$103,070**  
**Acquiring 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. The park extends from the beach through low dunes to the river, then north to the river's mouth. Just upstream from Griffiths-Priday 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. (08-1357)

**Island County ..... \$675,965**

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**Acquiring Camano Island Habitat on Saratoga Passage**

The Island County Planning Department will use this grant to buy 7.25 acres, preserving a gravel beach, estuarine system, bluffs, and a freshwater creek along Saratoga Passage. The property will give the public a rare opportunity to access Saratoga Passage and will be incorporated into the county's Marine Trail Plan. Crews also will restore some of the area by removing invading, non-native plants surrounding the creek; replanting the creek banks; and removing creosote logs and a derelict rail track.

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The county will contribute \$675,966 in conservation futures<sup>1</sup>, equipment, labor, materials, and donations of equipment, labor, land, and materials. (08-1633)

**King County.....\$1,600,000**

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**Preserving Point Heyer Shoreline**

The King County Water & Land Resources Division will use this grant to preserve the shoreline within the north reach of Point Heyer to help recover Puget Sound Chinook salmon, which are threatened with extinction, steelhead, and other species with special status. The grant will target the drift cell, which is the saltwater current that travels in a circular motion transporting sediment. The drift cell starts at the Vashon Landing and ends 2.5 miles away at Point Heyer. The target reach contains more than 78 acres, including 3/4 mile of beach and bluffs. Salmon use this area to hide from predators and to feed during migration. The beach contains habitat for surf smelt and sand lance, which are food for salmon. Preserving the north reach will protect the bluff that supplies sediment to the entire shoreline south to Point Heyer. The county will contribute \$2.9 million from state and local grants. (08-1420)

**King County \$500,000**

**Restoring Duwamish River Habitat**

The King County Water & Land Resources Division will use this grant to help finish construction of 2 acres of off-channel, shallow water habitat in the Duwamish River, essential for salmon recovery. Crews will excavate, build the habitat, build a trail, and install interpretative signs depicting salmon habitat and river restoration. Once complete, the site will provide a natural area in a heavily industrialized river corridor. The site links, via a footbridge over the river, to Cecil B. Moses Park and the Green River Trail. The county will contribute \$1.5 million in cash and state and local grants. (08-1710)

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

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**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$500,000  
Renovating Lake Sammamish State Park's Sunset Beach**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to renovate the Sunset Beach swimming area at Lake Sammamish State Park. Crews will replace the sand, improve the grass and curbing, build a new boardwalk, add swimming access for people with disabilities, create a new children's interpretive feature, and restore the shoreline. Built in 1951, Sunset Beach is overgrown with weeds and sink holes. Once enormously popular with the park's 1.2 million annual visitors, it now is in poor condition and use has declined significantly. State Parks will contribute \$500,000 from a state grant. This was the top ranked grant of 22 competing for funding in the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account program. (08-1872)

**Kitsap County.....\$1,514,795**

**Port of Manchester \$100,000  
Restoring Manchester Port Shoreline**

The Port of Manchester will use this grant to restore 210 feet of waterfront to improve public access and safety. The port owns Pomeroy Park, a small park with picnic areas near a beach that is eroding into it. Hazardous creosote pilings make access unsafe. Despite the poor overall condition of the beach access, the site is heavily used and enjoys enormous community support. Crews will remove old creosote pilings and rip-rap that supported an obsolete pier and bulkhead. Crews will grade the beach, add gravel and rocks, and install large tree root wads and logs to create a natural beach as well as plant beach sea grasses and other plants. The port will contribute \$120,350 in equipment, labor, a state grant, and donated labor. (08-1824)

**Port of Silverdale \$36,088  
Providing Sailboat Storage in Silverdale**

The Port of Silverdale will use this grant to provide a storage launch 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

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elsewhere. The port will contribute \$54,136 from a state grant and donations of cash. (08-1900)

**Port of Silverdale \$378,707  
Restoring Silverdale Wetlands**

The Port of Silverdale will use this grant to buy and protect 1.25 acres of mostly undisturbed wetlands and .64 acre of tidelands including a natural beach berm adjacent to the port's boat launch at Silverdale near the north end of Dyes Inlet. Work will include restoring the beach berm environment to control shoreline erosion and protect about 180 feet of land belonging to the port and Kitsap County to the east of the boat launch. Crews will use logs, gravel, and native plants to build a berm to dissipate wave energy, prevent erosion, and recreate a back-beach environment. Signs will teach visitors about wetlands and demonstrate how private beach owners can protect their beaches without hard armoring. The port will contribute \$378,707 in cash and donated materials. (08-1908)

**Bainbridge Island Park District \$1,000,000  
Creating 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. (08-1961)

**Lewis County ..... \$66,560**

**Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission \$66,560  
Adding an Accessible Pier and Small Boat Launch at Ike Kinswa State Park**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will use this grant to improve the public's access to Mayfield Lake by building a small dock accessible to people with disabilities in the day-use area of the park. The dock will accommodate fishing activities and also serve as a launch for non-motorized boats. The ramp will connect to a parking lot by a trail, which will link to a bathroom. There are no similar facilities on the lake. State Parks will contribute \$67,000 from a local grant. (08-1882)

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**Mason County ..... \$299,250**

**Port of Allyn ..... \$299,250**

**Expanding an Allyn Waterfront Park**

The Port of Allyn will use this grant to buy .6 acre adjacent to its waterfront park, including 80 feet on North Bay of Case Inlet. Mason County has indicated interest in turning Eberhart Street over to the port for this project, adding 60 feet of shoreline for a total of 140 feet of shoreline. Crews will clear small sheds and a fence from the property and restore it to a more natural state. They also will build a new boundary fence, move the parking area further away from the shoreline, landscape, and add trails and parking. There is a great deal of private property lining the shores of Case Inlet but the port has the only developed parks. The port will contribute \$365,750 in equipment, labor, materials, a state grant, and donations of cash, equipment, labor, and materials. (08-1715)

**Pend Oreille County..... \$55,144**

**Cusick ..... \$55,144**

**Enhancing Pend Oreille River in Cusick Park**

Cusick will use this grant to provide safe, wildlife viewing and picnic areas along the Pend Oreille River by planting plants and stabilizing the river's banks. Crews also will add a picnic shelter, signs, viewpoints, and pedestrian improvements. The site is a public park without vegetation and structure after years of lumber mill and beaver use. This grant will help the city use an existing paved path for a walking tour, which will lead the park user near the water, showcasing the history and wildlife with new interpretive signs. The town will contribute \$55,144 from local and federal grants and donations of equipment, labor, and materials. (08-1567)

**Pierce County ..... \$844,200**

**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

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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. (08-1122)

**Washington Department of Ecology \$500,000  
Acquiring Dutcher Cove Tidelands**

The Washington 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. If this project is unsuccessful, the landowner will convert the tidelands to commercial shellfish production. The Department of Ecology will contribute \$500,000 from a federal grant. (08-1688)

**San Juan County..... \$1,086,442**

**San Juan County Land Bank \$650,000  
Buying 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 state grant, voter-approved levy, and donations of labor and materials. (08-1285)

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<b>Mount Vernon</b>	<b>\$436,442</b>
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**Building the 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. (08-1198)

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**Acquiring Cockreham Island Land**

The Skagit County Public Works Department will use this grant to buy 139 acres of Cockreham Island, which is between Lyman and Hamilton on the north side of a large bend in the Skagit River. Purchase of the land will allow public access to the river via a scenic loop trail on top of a levee. After the land is acquired, the county plans to remove part of the levee, reestablish the connection between Jim's Slough and the Skagit River, and restore the river banks. The county will contribute \$579,340 from a state grant and donations of cash. (08-1707)

<b>Thurston County .....</b>	<b>\$164,075</b>
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<b>Olympia</b>	<b>\$164,075</b>
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**Restoring Percival Landing**

The Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department will use this grant to clear the shoreline of debris, partially reshaped and stabilized 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 southern and eastern 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

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gangways to access the pedestrian float system. Olympia will contribute \$164,075.  
(08-1594)

**Whatcom County ..... \$1,000,000**

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**Buying and Developing a Lily Point Park**

Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 146 acres on Lily Point and develop a park. Lily Point is on the southeast corner of Point Roberts. The park will provide walking and boating access for fishing, beachcombing, swimming, wildlife viewing, and shellfish harvesting. 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. The grant also will reimburse the county for a portion of the 130 acres it purchased there previously. Whatcom County will contribute \$1 million in conservation futures<sup>2</sup> and a state grant. (08-1682)

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