



## Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects Grants Awarded 2015-2017

Recreation and Conservation Funding Board Resolution 2015-08

Rank	Score	Number	Project Name	Grant Applicant	Grant Requested	Applicant Match	Total	Grant Awarded
1	59.38	14-1362A	North Creek Forest Acquisition Phase 3	Bothell	\$500,000	\$1,806,600	\$2,306,600	\$500,000
2	56.75	14-1537D	Covington Community Park Phase 2	Covington	\$500,000	\$3,045,100	\$3,545,100	\$500,000
3	52.38	14-1716D	Inspiration Playground Construction	Bellevue	\$500,000	\$1,865,000	\$2,365,000	\$500,000
4	51.25	14-1699D	Point Defiance Loop Trail	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,500,000	\$500,000
5	50.00	14-1752D	Lake Meridian Dock Redevelopment	Kent	\$500,000	\$1,244,800	\$1,744,800	\$500,000
6	49.88	14-1672D	Washougal Waterfront	Port of Camas-Washougal	\$500,000	\$672,264	\$1,172,264	\$0 <sup>1</sup>
7	46.88	14-1532D	Trillium Community Forest Trailheads	Island County	\$163,140	\$163,140	\$326,280	\$121,877
7	46.88	14-1483A	Port Gamble Ride Park and Kitsap Forest	Kitsap County	\$500,000	\$570,000	\$1,070,000	Alternate
9	45.50	14-1209A	Tamanowas Rock-Heidgerken Property Acquisition	Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe	\$322,362	\$322,363	\$644,725	Alternate
10	42.63	14-1141D	Arlington Riverfont Improvement	Arlington	\$100,000	\$170,000	\$270,000	Alternate
11	42.13	14-1671D	Owen Beach	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma	\$500,000	\$5,500,000	\$6,000,000	Alternate
12	41.38	14-1468D	Pearl Street Veterans Pool	Centralia	\$500,000	\$1,125,150	\$1,625,150	Alternate
13	39.00	14-1501D	Cusick Park Enhancement	Cusick	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	Alternate
14	38.50	14-1757D	Gratzer Park Ball Fields	Orting	\$341,411	\$341,412	\$682,823	Alternate
15	37.38	14-1698D	Klickitat Prairie Park Phase 3	Mossyrock	\$71,450	\$72,550	\$144,000	Alternate
16	36.63	14-1759D	Concrete Water Spray Park	Concrete	\$199,013	\$243,237	\$442,250	Alternate
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May 5, 2016

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<sup>1</sup>Grant applicant completed this project using its own resources.



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## Land and Water Conservation Fund Projects Preliminary Evaluation Scores 2015 - 2017

Rank	Question Project Name	1	2	3		4		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
		Need	Need Satisfaction	Immediacy of Threat Acq*   Com*	Project Design Dev*   Com*	Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship	Federal Grant Program Goals	Readiness	Community Support	Cost Efficiencies	Population Proximity	Applicant Compliance			
1	North Creek Forest Acquisition Phase 3	12.00	8.00	8.25				9.00	8.25	4.13	4.38	3.38	3.00	-1.00	59.38
2	Covington Community Park Phase 2	11.25	9.00			8.00		8.00	7.25	3.75	3.88	2.63	3.00	0.00	56.75
3	Inspiration Playground	9.75	8.00			7.75		5.50	7.00	3.00	4.13	4.25	3.00	0.00	52.38
4	Point Defiance Loop Trail	10.50	8.00			7.25		6.50	6.75	3.00	4.00	2.25	3.00	0.00	51.25
5	Lake Meridian Dock Redevelopment	11.25	7.25			7.25		5.25	6.75	2.63	3.63	3.00	3.00	0.00	50.00
6	Washougal Waterfront	9.38	7.25			6.75		7.50	6.50	3.38	3.63	2.50	3.00	0.00	49.88
7	Trillium Community Forest Trailheads	9.00	7.00			6.00		6.50	6.00	3.13	4.25	3.50	1.50	0.00	46.88
7	Port Gamble Ride Park	9.00	7.00	7.00				5.75	6.75	3.25	3.63	3.00	1.50	0.00	46.88
9	Tamanowas Rock Heidgerken Acquisition	8.63	6.50	6.00				8.25	5.25	4.38	3.63	2.88	0.00	0.00	45.50
10	Arlington Riverfront Improvement	9.38	6.00			4.25		6.25	5.50	2.00	3.25	3.00	3.00	0.00	42.63
11	Owen Beach	7.88	5.25			5.25		6.00	6.50	2.50	3.88	1.88	3.00	0.00	42.13
12	Pearl Street Veterans Pool	10.50	7.25			5.50		5.00	4.00	2.00	3.25	2.38	1.50	0.00	41.38
13	Cusick Park Enhancements	9.00	5.75			5.00		4.75	5.00	2.75	3.38	3.38	0.00	0.00	39.00
14	Gratzer Park Ball Fields	8.63	5.50			4.25		4.50	5.25	2.25	2.88	2.25	3.00	0.00	38.50
15	Klickitat Prairie Park Phase 3	8.63	5.75			5.00		4.50	5.25	2.13	3.63	2.50	0.00	0.00	37.38
16	Concrete Water Spray Park	9.75	5.75			4.00		3.75	5.50	1.75	3.88	2.25	0.00	0.00	36.63

Evaluators score Questions 1-9; RCO staff scores Questions 10-11.

\* Dev = Development Projects; Acq = Acquisition Projects; Com = Combination Projects

## **Bothell**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Completing Purchase of the North Creek Forest**

The City of Bothell will use this grant to buy up to 22 acres to complete the acquisition of the 64-acre urban forest known as the North Creek Forest. The land is along Interstate 405, just south of the King-Snohomish County line and is divided into three parcels. The forest serves 40,500 people in Bothell and is within walking distance of the University of Washington's Bothell campus, Cascadia Community College, six other schools, local neighborhoods, and three large business parks. The forest serves as an outdoor classroom. Federal direction to promote conservation activities among young people will be met with education programs spanning all grades from kindergarten to doctorate work. The North Creek Forest is a mature forest that filters surface water above North Creek, which is used by Chinook salmon. The forest is home to at least two priority bird species – pileated woodpecker and band-tailed pigeon. People use the forest for hiking and walking. The City of Bothell will contribute more than \$1.8 million in Conservation Futures<sup>1</sup> and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1362)

## **Covington**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

### **Continuing Development of Covington Community Park**

The City of Covington will use this grant to build the second phase of a community park. Work will include developing an outdoor stage and grass seating area, trails, picnic shelters, a tennis court, and parking, as well as installing outdoor fitness equipment. These improvements will provide a location for community events, which is one of the top-ranked recreation needs in the city, and expand the city's trail system. All of these elements are priorities in city's *Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan* and are included in the overall master plan for this park. Covington does not have a suitable location to hold public events. The city's population has grown 40 percent since incorporation and needs more than the existing 8 miles of community trail to serve the recreation and transportation needs of its residents. The first phase of development included building a soccer field, spectator amenities, parking, and trails. Expanding Covington Community Park will address a dream of citizens who have been working on this project since 2003, when the property was donated to the city. The City of Covington will contribute \$3 million in a state appropriation, cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1537)

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<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.

**Bellevue**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

**Building the Inspiration Playground in Downtown Park**

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to develop Inspiration Playground, a playground accessible to people with disabilities, in Bellevue's Downtown Park. This first phase of construction will add 25,000 square feet of additional playground and renovate existing support facilities such as the parking lot and restrooms, to better accommodate people with disabilities. The playground will feature sensory-rich play experiences and equipment, including a water spray and interactive walkway with music. The Bellevue Rotary Club has committed money for construction. The City of Bellevue will contribute \$1.8 million in cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1716)

**Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

**Expanding the Point Defiance Loop Trail**

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to develop more than 5 miles of a loop trail around the 765-acre park to separate walkers, runners, and cyclists from cars. Work includes developing a trailhead with parking and a restroom, striping, installing barriers and pedestrian bridges, and improving the Pearl Street entrance. The park district will contribute \$6 million in voter-approved bonds and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1699)

**Kent**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

**Replacing the Lake Meridian Dock**

The City of Kent will use this grant to replace a swimming and fishing dock at Lake Meridian Park. Lake Meridian Park is a community park serving residents of the east hill of Kent and the surrounding cities of Covington, Maple Valley, and Auburn. The park has the only swimming beach with lifeguards in the city and typically attracts 100,000 visitors a summer. The dock, which was built in 1985, is the dominant feature of the park and provides 640 linear feet of water access used by park users for swimming, fishing, non-motorized boating access, and walking. The dock is in need of replacement. It is listing in several spots, the connections between floats are beginning to fail, and the concrete decking is crumbling. This project was identified as a priority project in 2012 by the Kent Parks Citizen Advisory Board. City leaders are faced with the decision of whether or not to close or remove the dock. If removed, the dock will be expensive and difficult to replace. Replacing the dock now will ensure this park remains a popular year-round destination for residents. The City of Kent will contribute \$1.2 million in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, cash, and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1752)

**Port of Camas-Washougal**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

**Building the Washougal Waterfront Trail**

The Port of Camas-Washougal will use this grant to build a half-mile of trail along the Columbia River on the south side of the Lewis and Clark Highway 14. The Port will build a 12-foot-wide, concrete trail, a viewpoint plaza, and three soft-surface trails to the shoreline; install benches and historical interpretive signs; and build a trailhead on the east end with parking, a small plaza, and a kiosk. The project will increase access to the Lower Columbia River Water Trail and address a core community value to preserve the remaining developable waterfront in Washougal for community use. Combined, the City of Camas and Washougal's comprehensive parks and recreation plans identify a need for at least 19 miles of trails in the next 10 years. The Port of Camas-Washougal will contribute \$672,264 in cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1672)

**Island County**

**Grant Requested: \$163,140**

**Developing a Trailhead in Trillium Community Forest**

Island County will use this grant to build a trailhead at the Trillium Community Forest, a county park on south-central Whidbey Island. The park includes 700 acres of forest and miles of horse, bike, and walking trails. There is only one trailhead access to the northeast part of the park and it's limited to passenger cars. The County will build a new trailhead off of Smugglers Cove Road on the west park boundary, where there is no public access. The trailhead will include a parking lot accommodating horse trailers and buses and a half-mile of new trail connecting to the existing trail system. The County's park and recreation element of its comprehensive plan specifically identifies this trailhead project as a very high priority to meet the needs of equestrians and mountain bikers. The County also will build a nature loop trail, with interpretive signs, to be constructed at the soon-to-be-built Bounty Loop parking lot in the park's southeast corner, providing the first wheelchair-accessible trail in a park that caters to the growing aging population of the county. Island County will contribute \$163,140 in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1532)

**Kitsap County**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

**Buying Land for a Mountain Bike Park**

The Kitsap County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 200 acres for the future development of a mountain bike trail with riding loops and skill obstacle elements in Port Gamble Ride Park. The land is a tree farm, which the landowner has platted into 20-acre, single family lots. The park is in the north part of the county, next to the 543-acre Port Gamble Shoreline Park and near Port Gamble. It links to the Sound to Olympics regional trail. Kitsap County's goal is to create a system of connected multi-surface and multi-use trails to promote

healthy lifestyles and serve citizens of all ages and abilities with diverse outdoor recreation activities. The park is an element of the regional system of land and water trails that enhances outdoor recreation where there otherwise would be a lack of facilities. Private, non-profit trail and mountain bike partners are ready with labor and funds to complete the park trails. Kitsap County will contribute \$570,000 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1483)

## **Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe**

**Grant Requested: \$322,362**

### **Conserving the Sacred Tamanowas Rock**

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe will use this grant to buy 64 acres of undeveloped land that is a tribal sacred site known as Tamanowas Rock. The land abuts Anderson Lake State Park on the Quimper Peninsula in Jefferson County. The Tribe's primary goal is to prevent preserve the land for passive outdoor recreational uses and for tribal ceremonial and cultural uses. Not part of this grant, the Tribe will build a limited, non-motorized, non-equestrian trail system, with parking and signs. Mostly second-growth forest, with some patches of old growth and wetlands, the land is home to numerous wildlife species, including a branch of the Sequim Elk herd. Other animals using the land include coyotes, deer, eagles, and small mammals. Numerous amphibian species inhabit the wetlands and the uplands provide overwintering habitat. The land is one of the most ecologically diverse places on the Quimper Peninsula. The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe will contribute \$322,363 in donations of cash and Conservation Futures.<sup>2</sup> For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1209)

## **Arlington**

**Grant Requested: \$100,000**

### **Improving Haller Park on the Riverfront**

The City of Arlington will use this grant to build a restroom and shelter at Haller Park. The existing restroom and picnic shelter are periodically flooded and are in poor shape. The City will build the new restrooms where they won't be flooded. The park is used for hiking, bird watching, festivals, and general recreation as well as for access to the Centennial Trail and to the Stillaguamish River for fishing, swimming, and boating. Haller Park also provides river access for scientific and resource management activities. The City of Arlington has grown from 2,000 to more than 18,000 people since the park restrooms were built in the 1960s. The Centennial Trail now is completed through Arlington, with an anticipated 300,000 users annually travelling past Haller Park and needing facilities. The City of Arlington will contribute \$170,000 in cash, staff labor, and donations of materials. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1141)

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**Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma**  
**Renovating Point Defiance's Owen Beach**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

The Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma will use this grant to renovate one of the oldest and most popular areas in Point Defiance Park – Owen Beach. For more than 126 years, Owen Beach has been one of the few, true water access areas in Tacoma. Swimming, beachcombing, boating, and renting kayaks are just a few of the water-related activities offered there. The park district will renovate the Works Progress Administration shelter, build two more shelters, construct restrooms, expand the lawn, and improve the playground, sand volleyball court, parking, and storm water facilities. The park district will contribute \$5.5 million in voter-approved bonds and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1671)

**Centralia**  
**Rebuilding the Pearl Street Veterans Memorial Pool**

**Grant Requested: \$500,000**

The City of Centralia will use this grant to repair the Pearl Street Veterans Pool and replace the bathhouse. Built in the 1950s, and updated in the 1980s, the pool is deteriorating and has inadequate and broken mechanical equipment, a crumbling barrier wall, and a bathhouse that is inadequate, in disrepair, and lacking modern amenities. In 2011, Centralia closed the pool and only has performed routine maintenance to slow deterioration and keep the pool viable should it be reopened. The non-profit organization, Save The Outdoor Pool and Swim (STOP and Swim), will repair the pool, replace the bathhouse, and install mechanical equipment and storage. The City of Centralia will contribute \$1.1 million in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and donations of cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1468)

**Cusick**  
**Enhancing Cusick Park**

**Grant Requested: \$25,000**

The Town of Cusick will use this grant to design and develop a disk golf course and buy and install playground equipment and surfacing. The Town will build the first disc golf course in Pend Oreille County on land north of the Town's baseball fields. The Town also will build a small playground in its only park. Current elements in the park, such as the skate park and basketball and pickle ball courts, are geared toward teenagers and older park visitors. The playground will be geared for younger visitors. The Town of Cusick will contribute \$25,000 in cash, equipment, staff labor, a private grant, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1501)

**Orting**

**Grant Requested: \$341,411**

**Continuing Development of Gratzer Park**

The City of Orting will use this grant to add a multipurpose field and play area in Gratzer Park and complete the park's master plan. Gratzer Park is a 17-acre community park in Orting, along the Puyallup River. In the first phase of development, the City built a baseball field, a softball field, a parking area, and an access road. This second phase of development will let the City expand its capacity for community sports leagues. The City of Orting will contribute \$341,412 in a state appropriation, cash, and donations of labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1757)

**Mossyrock**

**Grant Requested: \$71,450**

**Developing Klickitat Prairie Park**

The City of Mossyrock will use this grant to further develop Klickitat Prairie Park. The City will install a large picnic shelter, a path leading to it, 1 mile of walking trails, informational and historical signs, and free-standing barbecues near the picnic shelter and throughout the park. The City of Mossyrock will contribute \$72,550 in a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program and cash. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1698)

**Concrete**

**Grant Requested: \$199,013**

**Building a Water Spray Park**

The Town of Concrete will use this grant to build a water spray park, restroom, and pathways in Silo Park. The Town also will install a drinking fountain and picnic tables, improve parking, and complete landscaping in the park. Silo Park is just north of State Route 20, east of Superior Avenue and South of Main Street. With this development, the town hopes to increase the amount of outdoor recreational opportunities it offers, encourage its residents to participate in more outdoor activities, and increase tourism. The Town of Concrete will contribute \$243,237 in cash, a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, and donations of equipment and labor. For more information and photographs of this project, visit [RCO's online Project Search](#). (14-1759)