

## Projects in Benton County

### Port of Kennewick

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

#### Restoring Clover Island Shoreline and Riverwalk

The Port of Kennewick will use this grant to restore 2.29 acres of degraded Columbia River shoreline on Clover Island and extend a public trail along the river. Clover Island has been identified as a high priority area for salmon. The Port will remove the cement along the shoreline and restore the natural slope. The Port also will place protective rocks and logs along the shoreline and plant plants along the bank to create a sustainable living shoreline. The Port will install safety lighting, benches, trash cans, and trail signs that will discuss the plants and bird species in the area. The Port of Kennewick will contribute \$3.5 million in cash, a grant from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other resources. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1470)

## Projects in Chelan County

### U.S. Forest Service

**Grant Awarded: \$13,587**

#### Hiring a Snow Ranger in the Wenatchee River Ranger District

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Wenatchee River Ranger District will use this grant to fund a snow ranger to educate winter recreationists about safe and responsible backcountry and wilderness uses. The ranger district also will buy and install boundary markers and educational signs. The Wenatchee River Ranger District has experienced an increase in conflicts between user groups, inappropriate use of winter trails, and wilderness boundary incursions by motorized users. The Forest Service will contribute \$16,566 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2348)

### U.S. Forest Service

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

#### Maintaining Lower Lake Chelan Winter and Summer Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain 236 miles of trails along lower Lake Chelan. Crews will remove fallen trees and brush growing over the trail, repair trail surfaces, and replace or repair water bars, turnpikes, and small bridges. The ranger district also will use the grant to groom winter trails for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers. The Forest Service will contribute \$150,000 in a federal appropriation, equipment, staff labor, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2319)

## U.S. Forest Service

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

### Maintaining Upper Lake Chelan Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Chelan Ranger District will use this grant to maintain more than 300 miles of non-motorized, multiple-use trails in the upper Lake Chelan basin for two seasons. Crews will remove fallen trees and brush growing over the trails, maintain trail surfaces, and replace or repair trail signs, drain structures, turnpikes, culverts, and small bridges. The Forest Service will contribute \$132,000 in staff labor, materials, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2421)

## Projects in Clark County

### Clark County

**Grant Awarded: \$603,666**

### Developing the Lower Daybreak Trail

Clark County will use this grant to acquire 105 acres and develop a waterfront trail along the East Fork Lewis River, next to an existing county park. The current landowner, Columbia Land Trust, will donate the land to the County if the County receives the grant. The land includes more than a half-mile of shoreline. The County will build a 10-foot-wide, half-mile long, multi-purpose trail; an overlook with benches; two river access paths from the main trail; and a one-third mile long secondary loop path. The County also will install three interpretive signs, build four picnic tables, and install four benches along the main trail. Finally, the County will improve the trailhead at the existing boat ramp by adding a sidewalk, bollards, striping, regulatory signs, and trash cans. This is the first phase of the development as part of the Lower Daybreak master plan. Clark County, together with partners, has assembled more than 2,200 acres as part of an effort to create a 15-mile-long greenway between the confluence of the East Fork and North Fork Lewis River and Lewisville Park. The greenway is intended to be a habitat conservation and trail corridor with a few areas of more active recreational opportunities. Clark County will contribute \$1.5 million in donations of land and materials. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1996)

### Jones Creek Trail Riders Association

**Grant Awarded: \$41,750**

### Buying Equipment to Maintain the Jones Creek Off-road Vehicle Trails

The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association and Pistons Wild Motorsports will use this grant to buy needed trail maintenance equipment. The clubs will buy two all-terrain vehicles, two hedge trimmers, some hand tools, and a small dump trailer. The remainder of the grant will be used to buy rock and blocks and to rent equipment. The two clubs maintain the all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle, and 4x4 trails in the Jones Creek Off-highway Vehicle area in southwest Washington in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources. These two clubs are the only organized clubs building and maintaining these trails in the only location for legal motorized recreation on public lands in southwest Washington. The Jones Creek Trail Riders Association will contribute \$23,250 in donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2794)

## Projects in Cowlitz County

### Port of Longview Improving Willow Grove Park

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

The Port of Longview will use this grant to develop a pedestrian loop path, picnic facilities, parking, and a fishing pier, and to renovate two restrooms at the 75-acre Willow Grove Beach Park. The park is on the north bank of the Columbia River, west of Longview, and offers public beach access and upland amenities. The path will loop around the park and will be accessible to people with disabilities. The fishing pier will be built at the west end of the park. Development of the park will be designed with consideration for the environment, including fish habitat friendly design and decking for the fishing pier, solar power for restrooms, and plentiful recycling opportunities. The Port of Longview will contribute \$989,020 in cash, staff labor, and other resources. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1685)

## Projects in Garfield County

### U.S. Forest Service Hiring a Winter Trail Patrol

**Grant Awarded: \$2,606**

The Umatilla National Forest's Pomeroy Ranger District will use this grant to fund an education and safety snow ranger to patrol 5 sno-parks, 138 miles of groomed winter trails, and 180,000 acres of backcountry area, in the Umatilla National Forest. The snow ranger will educate visitors about safe and courteous snowmobile operation, trail conditions, avalanche awareness, winter survival, trail etiquette, big game winter range closures, and respect for the wilderness and non-motorized areas. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,000 in equipment, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). This project received \$7,394 from a previous RCO grant, bringing the total funding from RCO grants for this project to \$10,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2232)

## Projects in Island County

### Island County Conserving Whidbey Island Shoreline

**Grant Awarded: \$750,000**

Island County will use this grant to conserve 54 acres of undeveloped tidelands and forests spanning more than a half-mile on Whidbey Island's southeast shoreline. The county will buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, for the Pearson property to protect the property from development and ensure permanent public access for activities such as kayaking, fishing, birding, nature-viewing, picnicking, and beachcombing. The land is ideally located along the Cascadia Marine Trail, a Washington Water Trail and designated National Recreation Trail, making it a useful and needed stopover point and potential campground for kayakers and others using non-motorized boats. Island County is partnering with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, which is buying the underlying land interest in

the property. The landowner is elderly and intends to sell the property for waterfront development. The property's picturesque beach, abundant eelgrass beds, juvenile salmon and forage fish habitat, a mature coastal forest, and two seasonal streams contribute to the environmental quality of the land and its attractiveness to recreationists. Island County will contribute \$1.2 million in Conservation Futures,<sup>1</sup> a federal grant, and other resources. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1837)

## Projects in King County

### Bellevue

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

#### Developing the Meydenbauer Bay Park Swim Area and Ravine Overlook

The City of Bellevue will use this grant to develop a swim area and ravine viewpoints in Meydenbauer Bay Park. Two viewpoints will be built overlooking the shoreline of the ravine, which is used by herons, eagles, and small mammals. The City also will develop a rooftop plaza with a view of the swim beach and Lake Washington beyond. Meydenbauer Bay Park is in Bellevue on the shoreline of Meydenbauer Bay in Lake Washington. The development will protect the shoreline, improve public access, increase safety, and provide additional water-dependent recreational opportunities. The City also will purchase amenities for the swim area, such as a seasonal swim float, swim ladders and ropes, a floating log boom, warning buoys, lifeguard chairs, and shade shelters. The City of Bellevue will contribute \$512,696. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1393)

### Kenmore

**Grant Awarded: \$400,000**

#### Building a Float in Rhododendron Park

The City of Kenmore will use this grant to build a float for hand-carry boats in Rhododendron Park. The park is on the Sammamish River, a quarter-mile upstream from Lake Washington, and next to a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ramp for motorized boats. There is no developed access to the park's 600 feet of riverfront. Hand-carry boats are being launched in the mud at the project location now, creating water turbidity and trampled plants. The City will not only build the float, but will build an adjoining parking lot and a connecting path to the park which includes a boardwalk across a wetland, and pave a gravel trail that connects the new path to a bus stop. The City will contribute \$545,000 in cash and other resources. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1693)

### King County

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000**

#### Conserving the Sammamish Riverfront

The King County Water and Land Resources Division will use this grant to buy a voluntary land preservation agreement, also called a conservation easement, on 34 acres associated with the

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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.

Wayne golf course. King County is partnering with the City of Bothell to permanently protect the 89-acre golf course, which is one of the largest undeveloped sites remaining along the Sammamish River. The county's agreement will prevent future development, allow passive recreation, and allow restoration to improve the site, especially for salmon. King County will contribute \$4 million in grants from a local agency and other resources. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1956)

## **Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust**

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

### **Maintaining the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will use this grant to maintain 80 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails for 2 years in the Mountains to Sound Greenway in King and Kittitas Counties. The 1.5-million acre Mountains to Sound Greenway stretches from Puget Sound across the Cascade Mountains to central Washington, and includes some of the most popular trails in the state. Crews will clear fallen trees and brush growing over the trail, replace signs, repair trail surfaces and drainage structures, and repair minor trail structures in the "Issaquah Alps" of Cougar, Squak, Tiger, and Rattlesnake Mountains; destinations in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River valley; and other popular hiking trails along the Interstate 90 corridor. The grant will pay for AmeriCorps and conservation corps crews and members, Greenway Trust staff to oversee the projects and volunteers, and tools and materials. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust will contribute \$150,000 in staff labor, another grant, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2271)

## **Seattle**

**Grant Awarded: \$475,000**

### **Renovating the Arboretum Waterfront Trail**

The Seattle Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to renovate a floating boardwalk trail system on Foster Island in Seattle's Washington Park Arboretum. The new elevated boardwalk will reduce the impacts from people walking through the wetland. The site includes marsh and shoreline areas that are used by western pond turtles, bald eagles, and Chinook salmon. The trail system includes upland trails, boardwalks, floats, bridges, signs, and viewing platforms. The City will build a gangway and floating walkway segments, and retrofit the existing floating walkway on about a quarter-mile of this trail to improve safety and accessibility for people with disabilities. The trail system is the only passage over the largest wetland in Seattle and is a key link in a larger trail network. With unparalleled views, it is frequented by bird watchers and wildlife photographers. The trail connects the Arboretum with transit hubs and links two parts of the University of Washington Botanical Gardens by connecting Union Bay Natural Area with the Arboretum. Seattle will contribute \$475,000 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1868)

## **Snoqualmie**

**Grant Awarded: \$560,000**

### **Expanding and Improving Sandy Cove Park**

The City of Snoqualmie will use this grant to buy two properties and three easements totaling just under a half-acre and connect Sandy Cove Park with the Snoqualmie Riverwalk. The City also will restore 2 acres and 370 feet along the bank of the Snoqualmie River. Of the four downtown parks, Sandy Cove is the only one that allows people to get next to the Snoqualmie River and is the closest park to Snoqualmie Falls, a state landmark that draws 2 million visitors a year. It is also at the heart of the Snoqualmie Riverwalk project, which is designed to connect the falls and downtown. Sandy Cove is in disrepair, disconnected from the city trail system, and affected by severe bank erosion and encroaching invasive species. Private properties interrupt its successful connection to the Riverwalk. Bank stabilization will help stem and reverse riverbank erosion, and targeted invasive species control and replanting the shoreline will restore habitat for local Rainbow and Cutthroat Trout, bald eagles, pileated woodpeckers, and songbirds above Snoqualmie Falls. Trail improvements will work towards filling a missing link in the regional 29mile Snoqualmie Valley Trail, in turn connecting to the John Wayne trail that goes to the Idaho border. The City of Snoqualmie will contribute \$962,750 in cash, Conservation Futures,<sup>2</sup> and a local grant. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1690)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**Grant Awarded: \$64,041**

### **Maintaining East Snoqualmie Corridor Trails and Facilities**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to maintain 36 miles of non-motorized trails, five trailheads, and four day-use sites in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas in eastern King County. The grant will help pay for a recreation specialist, equipment operator, two natural resource workers, and a seasonal crew. The crew will remove hazard and downed trees and overgrown brush, repair trail surfaces and rock armoring, and maintain and repair trail bridges, culverts, and drainage structures. Work will include grading trailhead parking lots, removing litter, and maintaining restrooms, viewpoints, river access sites, and signs. Funding also will be used to buy trail maintenance equipment, including a chainsaw and power wheelbarrow. The department will contribute \$69,560 in staff labor and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2375)

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources**

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000**

### **Providing an Educator in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Conservation Areas**

The Department of Natural Resources will use this grant to provide a backcountry educator to patrol trails in the Mount Si and Middle Fork Snoqualmie Natural Resources Conservation Areas, located in east King County. The educator will teach non-motorized users about trail etiquette and regulations. The grant also will provide funding for educational materials to distribute to recreationists. Properly educated recreationists will lead to a decrease in search and rescue missions and less damage to sensitive ecosystems. The presence of a visible staff member will also reduce misbehavior and criminal activities. The department will contribute

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<sup>2</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.

\$16,370 in staff labor and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2359)

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## Projects in Kitsap County

### Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District

#### Hawley Cove Trails and Beach Access

**Grant Awarded: \$180,050**

The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park and Recreation District will use this grant to improve the Hawley Cove trails and access to the beach. The park district will build boardwalk bridges, upgrade the existing trails, build multiple viewing areas, create environmental interpretation, and improve the parking at a second park entrance. Hawley Cove Park has a wide expanse of shoreline along Puget Sound at the entrance of Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island. Although Bainbridge Island has 37 miles of shoreline, about 96 percent of it is privately owned. The project has received support from the Bainbridge Island Waterfront Trails Committee, Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation, and the Wheels in the Woods, an advocacy group of wheelchair park and trail users. The park district will contribute \$180,050 in cash and donations of cash. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2007)

### Port of Indianola

**Grant Awarded: \$30,686**

#### Redeveloping the Port of Indianola Dock

The Port of Indianola will use this grant to redevelop a dock that is part of the Mosquito Fleet trail by installing an access ramp and interpretive signs, placing a Mosquito Fleet Historical Monument, planting plants, and installing a wildlife viewing area. Less than 6 percent of Kitsap County's 228 miles of shoreline is accessible to the public. Redevelopment will enhance outdoor recreational opportunities by providing access to activities including fishing, swimming, boating, wildlife observation, and walking. Community involvement has raised more than \$18,000 in donations. Completion of this project will decrease the impact of contamination from street runoff, creosote, and treated lumber by limiting paved surfaces and installing a planter to catch rain. Reducing pollution will help protect the tide flats, eel grass, surf smelt, sand lances, and herring habitat. The Port of Indianola will contribute \$30,686. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for visit [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1313)

### Poulsbo

**Grant Awarded: \$460,000**

#### Linking Poulsbo's Fish Park

The City of Poulsbo will use this grant to buy 10.05 acres and build a trail that connects two parts of Poulsbo's Fish Park along Liberty Bay shoreline. The 30-acre Fish Park connects Liberty Bay, Puget Sound, and Dogfish Creek. In addition to buying the land, the City will build an 800-foot pedestrian trail, 1.5 miles of soft gravel trails or boardwalk, two viewing platforms,

five interpretive signs, benches, and picnic tables. The City also will renovate a parking lot and restore the shoreline and wetland areas. Poulsbo's Fish Park has been a 14-year community investment in conservation planning. The park, which includes shorelines, wetlands, second-growth forests, and estuarine shoreline, is a natural wildlife corridor in an urban setting and supports a diverse population of fish, bird, and mammal species. Poulsbo will contribute \$475,552 in cash and donations of labor and land. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1546)

## Projects in Kittitas County

### U.S. Forest Service

**Grant Awarded: \$42,000**

#### Maintaining Cle Elum Winter Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a two-person crew to maintain 500 miles of snowmobile trails and 60 miles of ski, snowshoe, and dogsled trails on national forest lands in Kittitas County. The crew will remove fallen trees and overgrown brush, install and maintain signs and markers, repair bridges and culverts, and groom trails. The Cle Elum Ranger District is one of the most heavily used winter recreation areas in the state, with nearly 600 miles of winter trails. Use of the district's Sno-Parks has increased, from an average of 24,000 visitors in 2011-12 to 40,000 in 2015-16. The Forest Service will contribute \$42,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2298)

### U.S. Forest Service

**Grant Awarded: \$108,500**

#### Maintaining Non-motorized Backcountry Trails

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Cle Elum Ranger District will use this grant to fund a trail crew to maintain more than 300 miles of non-motorized backcountry trails open to hikers, stock users, and mountain bikers. The four- to 6-person crew will cut logs and brush, repair and maintain trail and drainage structures, restore trail surfaces, and make, install, and maintain trail signs. The grant also will pay for administration and coordination of volunteer groups. The Kittitas County trails are less than 100 miles from the more than 3 million residents of the Puget Sound area, making them very popular. They offer visitors a trail experience in roadless areas and the Alpine Lakes Wilderness with waterfalls, rivers, rugged peaks, glaciers, alpine meadows, and forests. The Forest Service will contribute \$92,000 in a federal appropriation and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2435)

## Projects in Lewis County

### Lewis County

**Grant Awarded: \$227,750**

#### Providing Access to the Cowlitz River

The Lewis County Public Works Department will use this grant to buy and develop 1.6 acres as an access to the Cowlitz River near Packwood. The land is next to 3.4 acres already owned by the County and upstream of the Skate Creek Road South Bridge. At the heart of the White Pass Scenic Byway, this area is rich with natural resources for outdoor enthusiasts. Tacoma Power releases salmon and steelhead at the site. However, anglers wanting to get to the river must park and walk along narrow, high traffic roads, then cross guardrails, and traverse steep riprap banks to get to the river. The County will develop the 1.6 acres and the 3.4 acres by paving a parking lot, adding a restroom, and building a gravel pathway to the water. Lewis County will contribute \$227,750 in donations of cash. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1764)

## Projects in Lincoln County

### Back Country Horsemen of Washington Maintaining Trails

**Grant Awarded: \$146,418**

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington will use this grant to maintain trails at various locations throughout Washington. Volunteers will remove downed trees, clear overgrown brush, rebuild trail surfaces, and repair or replace water drainage structures, turnpikes, and small bridges. The grant also will also be used to buy small tools and minor equipment. Trail work will be conducted at various areas throughout the state including Olympic National Park, Olympic National Forest, Miller Peninsula Park, Gibbs Lake County Park, Rustler's Gulch Wildlife Area, the Lakeview and Telford Recreation Areas, Trillium Community Forest, Yacolt Burn State Forest, and Carter Mountain Wildlife Area. The Back Country Horsemen will contribute \$243,406 in donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2714)

## Projects in Okanogan County

### Pacific Northwest Trail Association Hiring Youth and Volunteer Trail Maintenance Crews

**Grant Awarded: \$74,250**

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will use this grant to hire local volunteers and Curlew Job Corps youth to maintain segments of the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail and connector trails in central Washington in Okanogan County. The work will help reduce the trail maintenance backlogs in the Okanogan National Forest and the Loomis State Forest. For 13 years, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association has been giving youth hands-on experience and a chance to get away from electronics, learn about nature, and ultimately become better stewards of the environment. They contribute more than 25,000 hours a year to maintaining

parts of the 1,200-mile national scenic trail. This program is supported by the U.S. Forest Service, Okanogan National Forest, Washington Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Okanogan County, Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Washington Trails Association, and school districts in Tonasket, Oroville, and Republic. The Pacific Northwest Trail Association will contribute \$74,250 in donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2579)

## Projects in Pierce County

### Lakewood

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

#### Improving Harry Todd Park

The City of Lakewood will use this grant to improve Harry Todd Park, a 17-acre park in Lakewood. The park is on the south side of American Lake, a 1,200-acre freshwater lake. The City will improve access to the waterfront by creating pathways accessible to people with disabilities from the parking areas to the shoreline, replacing a failing bulkhead, updating access over the water for fishing, enlarging and enhancing the swim area and habitat along the shoreline, and improving the open areas and picnic areas. This park is in Tillicum, a geographically isolated and extremely low income area. This is the only community park in the area and the only free public access to the waterfront. The City of Lakewood will contribute \$700,000 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1976)

### Pierce County

**Grant Awarded: \$150,000**

#### Building the Chambers Creek Bridge

Pierce County Parks and Recreation Services will use this grant to build a pedestrian bridge over Chambers Creek to connect trails on each side of Chambers Creek canyon. The canyon is a deeply incised, forested stream corridor between Lakewood and University Place. Pierce County, which manages the property as part of the 935-acre Chambers Creek Regional Park, is partnering with the cities of Lakewood and University Place to build the bridge. Visitors now wade across the creek near Kobayashi Park to use the trails, causing significant damage to the spawning gravel that salmon use in the creek. This project will not only protect fish habitat by giving trail users a safe crossing, but also will provide a viewing platform to watch salmon migrations and to connect with nature. Pierce County will contribute \$150,000 in cash and donations of cash. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2616)

## Projects in Skagit County

### Skagit County

**Grant Awarded: \$603,400**

#### Building a Bike Camp and Salmon Habitat in Pressentin Park

The Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy land and develop a day-use area with parking, trails for water and wildlife viewing, and a bicycle-only camping area on State Highway 20. Highway 20 also is U.S. Bicycle Route 10, the state's first designated bike route. Skagit County will restore and enhance historic and existing side channel habitat in the park. The County will reconfigure a relict side channel so that the Skagit River flows into it, creating a half-mile long channel that will provide more than 2 acres of rearing habitat for juvenile Chinook salmon, steelhead, and other salmon species. Skagit County will contribute \$663,600 in cash, a grant from the salmon recovery program, donations of labor, and other resources. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1730)

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## Projects in Snohomish County

### Edmonds

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

#### Restoring and Redeveloping the Edmonds Waterfront

The City of Edmonds will use this grant to remove an aged creosote pier that extends over the beach, rehabilitate the beach to increase habitat, increase access to the beach, and complete a walkway from Marina Beach to Brackett's Landing North. This bulkhead is one of the last structures that extends into the beach interrupting the upper beach area for habitat and walkers. This project will expand public access to Puget Sound, integrating this portion more completely with the ecological and social character of the rest of the Edmonds waterfront. Work will include removing the parking pier, rerouting the walkway to improve the beach and tidal habitat, expanding public and hand-launch boat access along the waterfront, and improving the outdated storm water infrastructure. This work will expand upon previous efforts in adjacent sites to reintroduce ecological function to the waterfront. The City of Edmonds will contribute \$915,743 in cash and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1769)

### Mountlake Terrace

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

#### Renovating Ballinger Park

The City of Mountlake Terrace will use this grant to develop and renovate Ballinger Park. The City will build a fishing pier, restroom and paths, and plant the shoreline. The City also will renovate the boat launch. The 55-acre Ballinger Park is a critical recreational oasis in a highly urbanized area. Some activities at the park include bird watching, hiking, jogging, picnicking, fishing, boating, swimming, and other special events. The City of Mountlake Terrace will contribute \$623,400 in cash and other resources. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands](#)

[Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2067)

## Stanwood

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

### Beginning Development of Stanwood's Riverfront Hamilton Landing

The City of Stanwood will use this grant to buy, design, and develop the first phase of Hamilton Landing, a 2-acre site just south of downtown Stanwood with 350 feet of shoreline on the Stillaguamish River. This is only one of two publicly-owned sites on the "Old Stilly Channel." The City will restore the site and public access to the river and develop a hand-carry boat launch. Access to the river was lost to private development in the 1960s and 1970s. Development of the property will provide access to the unique estuary habitat created where the old Stillaguamish River channel meets Puget Sound. The property is part of a larger local project to preserve greenways and make connections to the river. The City owns a 15-acre former dairy farm a half-mile down river from Hamilton Landing and land adjacent to the river that will connect the two properties together allowing access to the river and a future river trail. The City of Stanwood will contribute \$2 million in cash, Conservation Futures,<sup>3</sup> and other resources. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1863)

## Projects in Spokane County

### Spokane

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000**

#### Buying Land along the Spokane River

The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will use this grant to buy more than 31 acres with nearly a mile of high quality shoreline along the Spokane River less than 2 miles from downtown. The City plans to develop the area as the only fishing area for people with disabilities on a free-flowing reach of the Spokane River. The uniqueness of the site will allow the public to fish throughout the summer as the river level drops on one of the most scenic and biologically productive portions of the river. Acquisition of this site also will preserve opportunities to move the Centennial Trail off streets and onto a scenic separated pathway, facilitate a trail connection to Spokane Falls Community College, and preserve a well-used trail along the waterfront. The City of Spokane will contribute \$1.9 million in Conservation Futures<sup>4</sup> and a grant from the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1468)

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## Spokane

**Grant Awarded: \$495,000**

### Developing the South Gorge Trail

The City of Spokane will use this grant to develop two trailheads in Spokane's Peaceful Valley neighborhood and build about 1 mile of trail between the trailheads along the Spokane River's south shoreline for non-motorized uses. The trail will offer views and access to the river via spur trails for recreation. The City also will develop a picnic area at the trailheads, two picnic areas in the Peaceful Valley Conservation Area, and a boat launch facility. The City of Spokane will contribute \$1.8 million in donations of cash, a voter-approved levy, and grants from a local organization and the state Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-1964)

## Projects in Whatcom County

### U.S. Forest Service

**Grant Awarded: \$9,186**

#### Hiring a Mount Baker Climbing Ranger

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to hire a second climbing ranger. The district's climbing program on Mount Baker has only one ranger, who cannot work safely alone. Together, the two rangers will work as a rope team on the mountain to access camps, routes, and the summit to interact with climbers. Thousands of climbers attempt to summit Mount Baker's 10,781-foot peak each season. The climb to the top is physically challenging and all routes require technical mountaineering skills. Climbers need to be experienced in glacier travel, crevasse rescue, and route finding, and have proper equipment (and know how to use it) to attempt the summit. As a skilled and experienced rope team, the rangers will contact climbers and educate them about how to minimize their impacts on the alpine environment including disposing of waste, selecting campsites, preparing properly for climbing, and safe climbing practices. The Forest Service will contribute \$23,000 in a federal appropriation, staff labor, and donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). This project received previous funding of \$10,814 in RCO grants, bringing the total RCO grants for this project to \$20,000. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2461)

### U.S. Forest Service

**Grant Awarded: \$20,000**

#### Hiring a Volunteer Coordinator for the Mountain Stewards

The Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest's Mount Baker Ranger District will use this grant to hire a volunteer coordinator for its Mountain Stewards Program. Mountain Stewards is an adult-based volunteer program dedicated to the education of visitors on four of the busiest trail systems in the district. These trails, located in the Mount Baker Wilderness and National Recreation Area, and Heather Meadows area, receive intense use from a widely diverse public. Mountain Stewards will hike the trails to educate visitors about safety, wilderness ethics, minimizing their impacts on the environment, regulations, and general information about the areas. Volunteers have engaged in more than 50,000 contacts during the past 15 years of the program. The Forest Service will contribute \$22,500 in a federal appropriation and donations of

volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2469)

## **Whatcom County**

**Grant Awarded: \$1,000,000**

### **Buying Land for a Birch Bay Park**

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department will use this grant to buy 13.2 acres to develop a waterfront park in Birch Bay. The land is ideally situated in the central business and shoreline area of the community and has 400 feet of low beach and tidelands. The community has long sought a waterfront park in this area to provide beach access, restrooms, parking, and activity areas. The waterfront and tidelands are the major attraction in Birch Bay; however, public access is limited to a few small parcels, road ends, and Birch Bay State Park at the south end of the bay. This land has a central location, beach access, community support, and is near a proposed waterfront trail. The County already has purchased the land is seeking reimbursement. Whatcom County will contribute \$1.4 million in Conservation Futures<sup>5</sup> and other resources. This grant was from the [Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account](#). Visit RCO's online Project Search for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2020)

## **Projects in Yakima County**

### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Awarded: \$20,598**

#### **Expanding the Raven Roost Trailhead**

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will renovate and expand the Raven Roost Trailhead to maintain access into the Norse Peak Wilderness for hikers and stock users. The existing parking area has room for about four cars. People visit the trailhead to get to places to fish, camp, hunt, and enjoy a 360-degree view of Mount Rainier and the central Cascades Mountains. Parking demand is expected to increase because flooding has severely limited alternate access into this part of the wilderness. The ranger district will enlarge, level, and gravel the trailhead driving and parking areas, install rock barriers to protect adjacent plants, and replace signs and a bulletin board. The Forest Service will contribute \$45,499 in materials, labor, and donations of equipment, volunteer labor, and materials. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2775)

### **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Awarded: \$18,940**

#### **Hiring a Winter Education Ranger**

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest's Mount Adams Ranger District will use this grant to hire one seasonal ranger to provide education resources and contact snowmobilers and people using groomed trails. The ranger will emphasize safe and responsible trail use, winter safety and avalanche hazards, changes to snow park permit reciprocity, condition updates, and respect for all user groups. The ranger will provide weekend coverage throughout the winter use season for two years. This grant will allow the Mount Adams Ranger District to be proactive and

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innovative in serving snowmobilers while protecting the land. The Forest Service will contribute \$20,060 in a federal appropriation. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2654)

## **U.S. Forest Service**

**Grant Awarded: \$72,000**

### **Tackling Deferred Maintenance on Naches Wilderness Trails**

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest's Naches Ranger District will use this grant to tackle high priority maintenance needs in, and next to, the Norse Peak, W. O. Douglas, and Goat Rocks Wilderness areas used by hikers and stock users. The ranger district will hire a crew for 2 years to clear about 10 miles of trail with severe tree blow-down, repair a half mile of trail surface, replace signs at 16 wilderness trailheads, and repair or replace drainage structures, boardwalks, and trail bridges. The Naches backcountry trails receive about 30,000 visits annually. The structures to be repaired typically are more than 30 years old, made of native materials, and have withstood 10-20 feet of snow each year. Current priorities include sites on the Cougar Valley, Pleasant Valley, Goose Prairie, Crow Lake Way, Rattlesnake, Bumping River, McAllister, Union Creek, and Pacific Crest Trails. The Forest Service will contribute \$59,378 in cash, equipment, staff labor, materials, and donations of equipment and volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2577)

## **Projects in Multiple Counties**

### **King and Skagit Counties**

#### **Pacific Crest Trail Association**

**Grant Awarded: \$64,880**

#### **Maintaining the Pacific Crest Trail**

The Pacific Crest Trail Association will use this grant to maintain more than 260 miles of Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests. Overgrown brush, deteriorated trail surfaces, clogged drainages, and failing trail structures are causing significant environmental damage and safety concerns for trail users. Volunteers will contribute at least 6,000 hours to fixing these problems. The Pacific Crest Trail Association will contribute \$180,000 in donations of volunteer labor. This grant is from the [Recreational Trails Program](#). Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for more [information and photographs of this project](#). (16-2392)