

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE

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1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to King County Conservation Futures Levy proceeds; authorizing the Mayor or designee to enter into Amendment 5 to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between King County and The City of Seattle for Open Space Acquisition Projects; and authorizing the deposit of 2025 allocations from King County Conservation Futures Levy proceeds into The City of Seattle’s Park and Recreation Fund; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Summary and Background of the Legislation: This legislation authorizes Amendment 5 to the existing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between The City of Seattle and King County for the Acquisition of Open Space Projects (“Interlocal”). It authorizes acceptance of up to a total of \$3,250,000 of King County Conservation Futures Levy 2025 allocations for the Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village (RUV) acquisition. It is anticipated that King County will directly fund escrow of the N. Beacon Hill RUV/Mt. Baker Hub Urban Village (HUV) project estimated at \$5,550,000. Therefore, SPR will not receive the proceeds for that acquisition.

Jurisdiction	Project Name (Project Number)	Allocation
2025 Allocation (Amendment 5)		
Seattle (SPR)	Westwood-Highland Park RUV (Project #1147981)	\$25,000
Seattle (SPR)	Westwood-Highland Park RUV (Project #1146210/#1148053)	\$3,225,000
Seattle (SPR)	N. Beacon Hill RUV/Mt. Baker HUV (Project #1147980)	\$25,000
Seattle (SPR)	N. Beacon Hill RUV/Mt. Baker HUV (#1146210/#1148092)	\$5,475,000
TOTAL		\$8,750,000

The Conservation Futures Levy is a county-wide property tax collected by King County for the acquisition of open space, agricultural or timber lands.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Does this legislation create, fund, or amend a CIP Project? Yes No

Funding for these projects flows through CIP project Park Land Acquisition and Leverage Fund MC-PR-21001.

3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Does this legislation have financial impacts to the City? Yes No

3.b. Revenues/Reimbursements

This legislation adds, changes, or deletes revenues or reimbursements.

Fund	Department	Budget Control Level	Amount
Park And Recreation Fund (10200)	Seattle Parks and Recreation	Building For The Future (BC-PR-20000)	\$3,250,000

Revenue/Reimbursement Notes: No appropriation is necessary as revenue backs existing and prior appropriation.

3.d. Other Impacts

Does the legislation have other financial impacts to The City of Seattle, including direct or indirect, one-time or ongoing costs, that are not included in Sections 3.a through 3.c? If so, please describe these financial impacts. Not applicable.

If the legislation has costs, but they can be absorbed within existing operations, please describe how those costs can be absorbed. The description should clearly describe if the absorbed costs are achievable because the department had excess resources within their existing budget or if by absorbing these costs the department is deprioritizing other work that would have used these resources. Not applicable.

Please describe any financial costs or other impacts of *not* implementing the legislation.

This funding is integral to SPR's land acquisition program, and without it, some acquisition projects will have to be abandoned, severely impacting the City's ability to preserve natural areas and provide neighborhood park sites to those urban areas experiencing population growth together with park service gaps.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

a. Please describe how this legislation may affect any departments besides the originating department. Not applicable.

- b. Does this legislation affect a piece of property? If yes, please attach a map and explain any impacts on the property. Please attach any Environmental Impact Statements, Determinations of Non-Significance, or other reports generated for this property. No.**
- c. Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative.**
- i. How does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities? How did you arrive at this conclusion? In your response please consider impacts within City government (employees, internal programs) as well as in the broader community.**

Conservation Futures funding is used to match City funding for the acquisition of parks and open space. One of the priorities for the use of these funds is the acquisition of property in areas of the city lacking parks and open space, which tend to be high-density, low-income areas experiencing equity and health issues as identified in the Park and Open Space Plan.

- ii. Please attach any Racial Equity Toolkits or other racial equity analyses in the development and/or assessment of the legislation.**

There were no Racial Equity toolkits used for the development of this legislation. Please see SPR's Gap Analysis Update Vol. 2 is attached as Summary Attachment 2, which analyzes the geographic service gaps for park space within communities, including a map by Racial and Social Equity Composite Index.

- iii. What is the Language Access Plan for any communications to the public?**

In the near term, this property will be landbanked. Once development is funded, SPR would implement language access strategies as part of community engagement.

d. Climate Change Implications

- i. Emissions: How is this legislation likely to increase or decrease carbon emissions in a material way? Please attach any studies or other materials that were used to inform this response.**

The expenditure of these monies on green space and neighborhood park land acquisitions will maintain carbon neutrality/decrease carbon emissions at these locations, as they will not ultimately be developed or redeveloped.

- ii. Resiliency: Will the action(s) proposed by this legislation increase or decrease Seattle's resiliency (or ability to adapt) to climate change in a material way? If so, explain. If it is likely to decrease resiliency in a material way, describe what will or could be done to mitigate the effects.**

The action of the City accepting the King County Conservation Futures monies will increase Seattle’s resiliency to climate change as the tree canopies on the purchased lands can be maintained/restored/augmented.

- e. **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the specific long-term and measurable goal(s) of the program? How will this legislation help achieve the program’s desired goal(s)? What mechanisms will be used to measure progress towards meeting those goals?**

Not applicable.

5. CHECKLIST

- Is a public hearing required? No**
- Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required? No**
- If this legislation changes spending and/or revenues for a fund, have you reviewed the relevant fund policies and determined that this legislation complies?**
- Does this legislation create a non-utility CIP project that involves a shared financial commitment with a non-City partner agency or organization? No**

6. ATTACHMENTS

Summary Attachments:

Summary Attachment 1 – Maps of CFT Projects

Summary Attachment 2 - Gap Analysis Update Vol. 2