

CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 127167
COUNCIL BILL 120921

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.

WHEREAS, King County Conservation Futures Levy (CFL) funds are collected throughout King County as a dedicated portion of property taxes for the acquisition of open space and natural resource lands; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, City Ordinance 114978 authorized the CFL Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (“CFL Interlocal”) with King County to govern the receipt and use of CFL proceeds, and to define the special projects (“Projects”) approved by King County for acquisition using CFL proceeds; and

WHEREAS, each year the City and King County amended the CFL Interlocal to add Projects and to provide for additional allocations of CFL proceeds; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2018, the King County Council passed Ordinance 18827, which authorized the King County Executive to execute a new CFL Interlocal and authorized language changes thereto; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2021, the City Council passed Ordinance 126477, which authorized the new Conservation Futures Interlocal Agreement (“Interlocal”), to which was attached the Amendment to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between King County and the City of Seattle for Open Space Acquisition Projects (“Amendment”); and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously passed ordinances authorizing Amendments 1 through 4 to the Interlocal, most recently through Ordinance 127087 on September 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council is concurrently considering legislation to appropriate a total of \$8,750,000 in 2025 CFL proceeds to the Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village and the North Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village/Mt. Baker Hub Urban Village acquisition projects sponsored by Seattle Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council is concurrently considering the direct purchase of the North Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village/Mt. Baker Hub Urban Village acquisition through direct escrow of \$5,500,000 of the Conservation Futures Levy proceeds;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor or designee is authorized to execute Amendment 5 to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (“Interlocal”) between King County and The City of Seattle for Conservation Futures-Funded Open Space Acquisition Projects (“Amendment 5”), after King County’s ordinance approval of the 2025 allocations of King County Conservation Future Levy (CFL) proceeds, substantially in the form of Exhibit A to this ordinance, to provide for the City’s receipt and use of up to \$3,250,000 from the 2025 allocations of CFL proceeds. Amendment 5 will be added to the list of approved projects in the Interlocal, to include the Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village and the North Beacon Hill Residential Urban Village/Mt. Baker Hub Urban Village acquisition projects.

Section 2. Funds received pursuant to the execution of Amendment 5 shall be deposited as follows:

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

- 1 Section 3. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its
- 2 effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code
Sections 1.04.020 and 1.04.070.

Passed by the City Council the 17th day of December, 2024,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 17th day of
December, 2024.



President _____ of the City Council

☒ Approved / ☐ returned unsigned / ☐ vetoed this 19th day of December, 2024.



Bruce A. Harrell, Mayor

Filed by me this 19th day of December, 2024.



Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

(Seal)

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Amendment to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between
King County and The City of Seattle for Open Space Acquisition Projects

**AMENDMENT TO THE CONSERVATION FUTURES
INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN KING COUNTY AND THE CITY OF SEATTLE
FOR OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION PROJECTS**

The King County Council, through Ordinance 9128, has established a Conservation Futures Levy Fund and appropriated proceeds to King County and certain cities. This amendment is entered into to provide for the allocation of additional proceeds made available for open space acquisition.

THIS AMENDMENT is entered into between the CITY OF SEATTLE and KING COUNTY, and amends and attaches to and is part thereof of the existing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement entered into between the parties on the 17th day of October, 2022, as previously amended.

The parties agree to the following amendment:

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement is hereby amended by adding Exhibit 1, attached hereto.

In all other respects, the terms, conditions, duties and obligations of both parties shall remain the same as agreed to in the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as previously amended.

Once fully executed, this Amendment shall be incorporated into the existing Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as if fully set forth, and shall become Amendment 5.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, authorized representatives of the parties hereto have signed their names in the spaces set forth below:

KING COUNTY

CITY OF SEATTLE

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

[NAME]
Mayor

Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:

Leesa Manion
King County Prosecuting Attorney

EXHIBIT 1

2025 CONSERVATION FUTURES LEVY PROCEEDS CITY OF SEATTLE ALLOCATION

Jurisdiction	Project Name	Allocation
Seattle	North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Villages - 17th Ave S & S Walker St Acquisition (annual funding, project #1147980)	\$25,000
Seattle	North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Villages - 17th Ave S & S Walker St Acquisition (bond funding, project #1146210/award#1148052)	\$5,475,000
Seattle	Westwood - Highland Park RUV Gap Acquisition (annual funding, project #1147981)	\$25,000
Seattle	Westwood - Highland Park RUV Gap Acquisition (bond funding, project #1146210/award#1148053)	\$3,225,000
TOTAL		\$8,750,000

Project Description:

Project #1147980: Seattle – North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Village-17th Ave S & S Walker St Acquisition (annual funding), \$25,000

The City of Seattle seeks to fill park service gaps in urban villages, focusing on south Seattle in the Beacon Hill/North Rainier Valley area. This project targets the fee acquisition of 10 adjoining parcels totaling 1.4 acres between the North Beacon Hill and Mt. Baker Hub urban villages. If acquired, the city would demolish the structure on site and largely preserve and restore the forest. This project would create an open space connection between two urban villages. This project was determined to merit a match waiver. This acquisition project is receiving annual and bond funding awards; this represents the annual funding. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance [XXXXX – to be completed after King County council budget adoption late 2024].

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

Project #1146210/Award#1148052: Seattle – North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Village-17th Ave S & S Walker St Acquisition (bond funding), \$5,475,000

This award goes to the same acquisition project as above, representing the bond funding award into the project. This project was determined to merit a match waiver. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance [XXXXX – to be completed after King County council budget adoption late 2024].

Is this a Bond-financed Project? Yes

Project #1147981: Westwood-Highland Park RUV Gap Acquisition (annual funding), \$25,000

The City of Seattle seeks to fill park service gaps in urban villages in this proposal focusing on southwest Seattle. This year's target is the fee acquisition of three parcels totaling 0.32 acres in the Westwood-Highland Park Residential Urban Village near the border with White Center. This secures open space in one of the largest park service gaps in West Seattle. This project, coupled with the future addition of Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)'s Delridge Triangle and partial closure of 18th Ave SW, will provide a buffer to traffic and the adjacent neighborhood. This project was determined to merit a match waiver. This acquisition project is receiving annual and bond funding awards; this represents the annual funding. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance [XXXXXX – to be completed after King County council budget adoption late 2024].

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

Project #1146210/Award#1148053: Westwood-Highland Park RUV Gap Acquisition (bond funding), \$3,225,000

This award goes to the same acquisition project as above, representing the bond funding award into the project. This project was determined to merit a match waiver. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance [XXXXXX – to be completed after King County council budget adoption late 2024].

Is this a Bond-financed Project? Yes