

The City of Seattle
Ordinance 127454
Council Bill 121229

An ordinance relating to King County Conservation Futures Levy proceeds; authorizing the Mayor or designee to enter into Amendment 6 to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between King County and The City of Seattle for Open Space Acquisition Projects; authorizing the deposit of both the 2025 reallocations and the 2026 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.

Recitals:

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.

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.

Each year the City and King County amend the CFL Interlocal to add Projects and to provide additional allocations of CFL proceeds.

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.

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”).

The City Council previously passed ordinances authorizing Amendments 1 through 5 to the Interlocal.

On July 15, 2025, the King County Council passed Ordinance 19956, which authorized reallocation of unspent funds to projects, a total of \$280,000.

On November 18, 2025, King County Ordinance 20023 appropriated a total of \$6,968,000 in 2026 CFL proceeds to the Delridge Native Forest, Belltown Portal Bellwether Parcel, and Lakeridge Park Addition acquisition projects sponsored by Seattle Parks and Recreation. Therefore,

Be it ordained by the City of Seattle as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor or designee is authorized to execute Amendment 6 to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between King County and the City of Seattle for Conservation Futures-Funded Open Space Acquisition Projects, substantially in the form of Attachment 1 to this ordinance, to provide for the City’s receipt and use of up to \$7,248,000 from the 2025 reallocations and 2026 allocations of King County CFL proceeds. Amendment 6 will be added to the list of approved projects in the Interlocal

Cooperation Agreement (Projects), to include the Delridge Native Forest, Belltown Portal Bellwether Parcel, and Lakeridge Park Addition acquisition projects.

Section 2. Funds received pursuant to the execution of Amendment 6 shall be deposited as follows:

Fund	Department	Budget Control Level	Type	Amount
Park And Recreation Fund (10200)	Seattle Parks and Recreation	Building For The Future (10200-BC-PR-20000)	2025 Reallocation Awards	\$280,000
Park And Recreation Fund (10200)	Seattle Parks and Recreation	Building For The Future (10200-BC-PR-20000)	2026 Allocation Awards	\$6,968,000

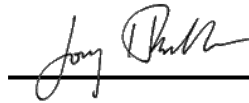
Section 3. Any act consistent with the authority of this ordinance taken prior to its effective date is ratified and confirmed.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Amendment to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between King County and the City of Seattle for Open Space Acquisition Projects

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

Passed by the City Council and signed in open session in authentication of its passage on June 23, 2026.



President _____ of the City Council

Approved _____ on June 26, 2026.



Katie B. Wilson, Mayor

Attested on June 26, 2026.



Scheereen Dedman, City Clerk

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**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 6.

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

KING COUNTY

CITY OF SEATTLE

Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

Katie Wilson
Mayor

Date: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:

Leesa Manion
King County Prosecuting Attorney

EXHIBIT 1

2025 REALLOCATION AND 2026 CONSERVATION FUTURES LEVY PROCEEDS CITY OF SEATTLE ALLOCATION

Jurisdiction	Project Name	Allocation
2025 REALLOCATION AWARDS¹		
Seattle (Parks)	Longfellow Creek Addition - SSC	\$100,000
Seattle (Parks)	North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Villages – 17 th Ave S & S Walker St – acquisition	\$80,000
Seattle (Parks)	North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Villages - 17th Ave S & S Walker St - SSC	\$50,000
Seattle (Parks)	Westwood – Highland Park RUV Gap Acquisition	\$50,000
SUBTOTAL		\$280,000
2026 ALLOCATION AWARDS		
Seattle (Parks)	Belltown Portal Bellwether Parcel	\$1,000,000
Seattle (Parks)	Lakeridge Park Addition - acquisition, annual funding	\$300,000
Seattle (Parks)	Lakeridge Park Addition - SSC	\$50,000
Seattle (Parks)	Delridge Native Forest - acquisition, annual funding	\$500,000
Seattle (Parks)	Delridge Native Forest - acquisition, bond funding	\$5,118,000
SUBTOTAL		\$6,968,000
TOTAL		\$7,248,000

¹ The King County Council authorized an award of \$380,000 in 2025 reallocation dollars jointly to Seattle (SPU) and King County for North Highline Urban Greenspace: Seola Pond (KC-Seattle Joint Project) (Project #1149060). Seattle SPU staff has indicated that this funding is no longer needed by Seattle, which will not be pursuing acquisition in this area; King County may still work on this award to implement acquisition work separately. Therefore the North Highline Urban Greenspace \$380,000 2025 reallocation award is not being included in this amendment.

2025 Reallocation Award Project Descriptions:

Project #1149058: Seattle (Parks) – Longfellow Creek Addition – SSC

This project seeks to preserve parcels along Longfellow Creek on 24th Avenue SW in West Seattle. Acquisitions in this area would add to Seattle's 15-acre Longfellow Creek Greenspace. This award of site stabilization cost (SSC) funding complements the earlier acquisition awards to help secure the site and cover initial site stabilization costs. Match comes from city funds. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 19956.

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

Project #1147980: Seattle (Parks) – North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Villages - 17th Ave S & S Walker St - acquisition (match waiver)

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 (a.k.a. North Rainier) Urban Villages. This reallocation award supplements an earlier award to this project, as acquisition costs exceed the originally estimated amount. This project was awarded a match waiver. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 19956.

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

Project #1149059: Seattle (Parks) – North Beacon Hill/Mt. Baker Urban Villages - 17th Ave S & S Walker St - SSC (match waiver)

This award goes to the same project as above. The city requests a site stabilization award of \$50,000 for demolition and other site stabilization needs. This project was awarded a match waiver. This award of site stabilization cost (SSC) funding complements the earlier acquisition award to help secure the site and cover initial site stabilization costs. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 19956.

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

Project #1147981: Seattle (Parks) – Westwood – Highland Park RUV Gap Acquisition (match waiver)

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 project was awarded a match waiver. This reallocation award supplements an earlier award to this project, as acquisition costs exceed the originally estimated amount. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 19956.

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

2026 Allocation Award Project Descriptions:

Project #1150364: Seattle – Belltown Portal Bellwether Parcel, \$1,000,000

The City of Seattle is seeking to purchase a portion of a privately owned parcel located next to the future Belltown Portal Park. This acquisition could create a park entrance from the recently opened Bell Street Park extension from First Avenue to Western Avenue, retain mature trees, and offer p-patch opportunities if not accommodated elsewhere on the much larger adjacent future park. Land match would require right-of-way vacation by SDOT, transfer of a parcel to Seattle Parks, appraisal to value the land match footprint, and title restriction placed on the land match parcel footprint. If land match proves not to be feasible, cash match is an alternative option for Seattle, to represent 25 percent of total project costs. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 20023.

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

Project #1150366: Seattle – Lakeridge Park Addition - acquisition (annual funding), \$300,000 (match waiver)

This project is receiving annual and SSC funding awards; this represents the annual funding. The City of Seattle is seeking funding to purchase a property at the south side of Lakeridge Park that will create park visitor access from the south end of this almost one-mile-long park. The property, which has a tear-down house that would be demolished, can serve as a southern trailhead to the local community in south Seattle and Skyway. This project was determined to merit a match waiver. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 20023.

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

Project #1150426: Seattle – Lakeridge Park Addition - SSC funding, \$50,000 (match waiver)

This award goes to the same project as above, representing the SSC funding award into the project. This project was determined to merit a match waiver. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 20023.

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

Project #1150365: Seattle – Delridge Native Forest – acquisition (annual funding), \$500,000 (match waiver)

This project is receiving annual and bond funding awards; this represents the annual funding. The City of Seattle is seeking funding to purchase urban forest and expand public land ownership east of Delridge Way SW at SW Orchard Street. The purchase would expand the footprint of a Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) project to restore four acres of degraded forest in the Longfellow Creek watershed, carried out in partnership with the

community and the Muckleshoot Tribe. This project was determined to merit a match waiver. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 20023.

Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

Project #1148073/Award #1150398: Seattle – Delridge Native Forest – acquisition (bond funding), \$5,118,000 (match waiver)

This award goes to the same 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 20023.

Is this a Bond-financed Project? Yes