# AMENDMENT 4 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:

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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 4.

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	Bruce A. Harrell Mayor
Date:	Date:
Approved as to form:	
Leesa Manion	
King County Prosecuting Attorney	

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#### **EXHIBIT 1**

# 2024 CONSERVATION FUTURES LEVY PROCEEDS CITY OF SEATTLE ALLOCATION

Jurisdiction	Project Name	Allocation
Seattle (Parks)	Hitt's Hill Park Addition	\$1,522,500
Seattle (Parks)	Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village Park	\$1,000,000
Seattle (SPU)	Helen Sherry Property Acquisition	\$1,650,000
Seattle (SPU)	Thornton Confluence Natural Area Expansion	\$750,000
TOTAL		\$4,922,500

# **Project Description:**

# Project #1145690: Seattle (Parks) – Hitt's Hill Park Addition

The City of Seattle Parks and Recreation Department seeks to expand Hitt's Hill Park in Columbia City, where recent upzoning is driving the need for more greenspace. The city will acquire 1.5 acres, which includes one full parcel, including a house on the north side (with a life estate lease), and just the wooded backyard of a second parcel. The house on the full parcel would be demolished, and the land on both parcels would be restored with native plants and added to the park for a total of five acres. Acquisition would provide more greenspace for 200 affordable units being built within two blocks of Hitt's Hill Park. Match comes from city park district funding. This award requires match equal to 25% of total project costs, reflecting the new match policy implemented July 2023 and adopted in the prior amendment. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 19712.

# Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

#### Project #1145691: Seattle (Parks) – Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village Park

The City of Seattle Parks and Recreation Department seeks funding to evaluate and begin acquisition of up to three potential open spaces in the rapidly growing Rainier Beach Residential Urban Village. The city will acquire up to 3.5 acres depending on which of the three sites are most feasible. Currently the Rainier Beach Urban Village lacks enough accessible open space to meet residents' needs. Acquisition supports the community's goals of creating greenspace that is accessible for differently abled residents and improving the Henderson Street Corridor between the Rainier Beach Light Rail station and the waterfront at Be'er Sheva Park. This project was

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determined to merit a match waiver. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 19712.

#### Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

# Project #1145693: Seattle (SPU) – Helen Sherry Property Acquisition

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) aims to acquire property along the Cedar River to allow for a reach-scale salmon habitat restoration project. The city would acquire two parcels totaling 20.12 acres and demolish all structures. The target parcels are next to a 16-acre juvenile salmon habitat restoration project being built this year; acquisition would allow future expansion of the restoration project onto these parcels. River access provides direct access to view spawning salmon; this area is notable for being prime Chinook and sockeye spawning habitat. Match comes from other additional state-funded grant awards. This award requires match equal to 25% of total project costs, reflecting the new match policy implemented July 2023 and adopted in the prior amendment. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 19712.

# Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

# Project #1145694: Seattle (SPU) – Thornton Confluence Natural Area Expansion

Seattle Public Utilities aims to expand the floodplain footprint of Thornton Creek to increase flood storage and enhance salmon habitat. This year's scope includes 0.45 acres across two developed properties located in or adjacent to the FEMA floodway. This year the city prioritized only the northern parcel as ready for acquisition and funding this year. Acquisition reduces flood risk and contributes to a functioning urban wildlife habitat system including increased spawning and rearing habitat for Chinook, coho, sockeye, and coastal cutthroat trout. The project is within walking distance of schools and a community center, with ample opportunity for urban ecology education and scenic views from the street. Match is expected to come from SPU capital or other grant funding. This award requires match equal to 25% of total project costs, reflecting the new match policy implemented July 2023 and adopted in the prior amendment. Project funding was authorized in King County Ordinance 19712.

#### Is this a Bond-financed Project? No

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