



Sponsor: Clark County

Acres: 417.5

Waterfront: NA

Estimated Cost: \$1,699,159



CF Request: \$100,000

Partner Share: \$1,599,159

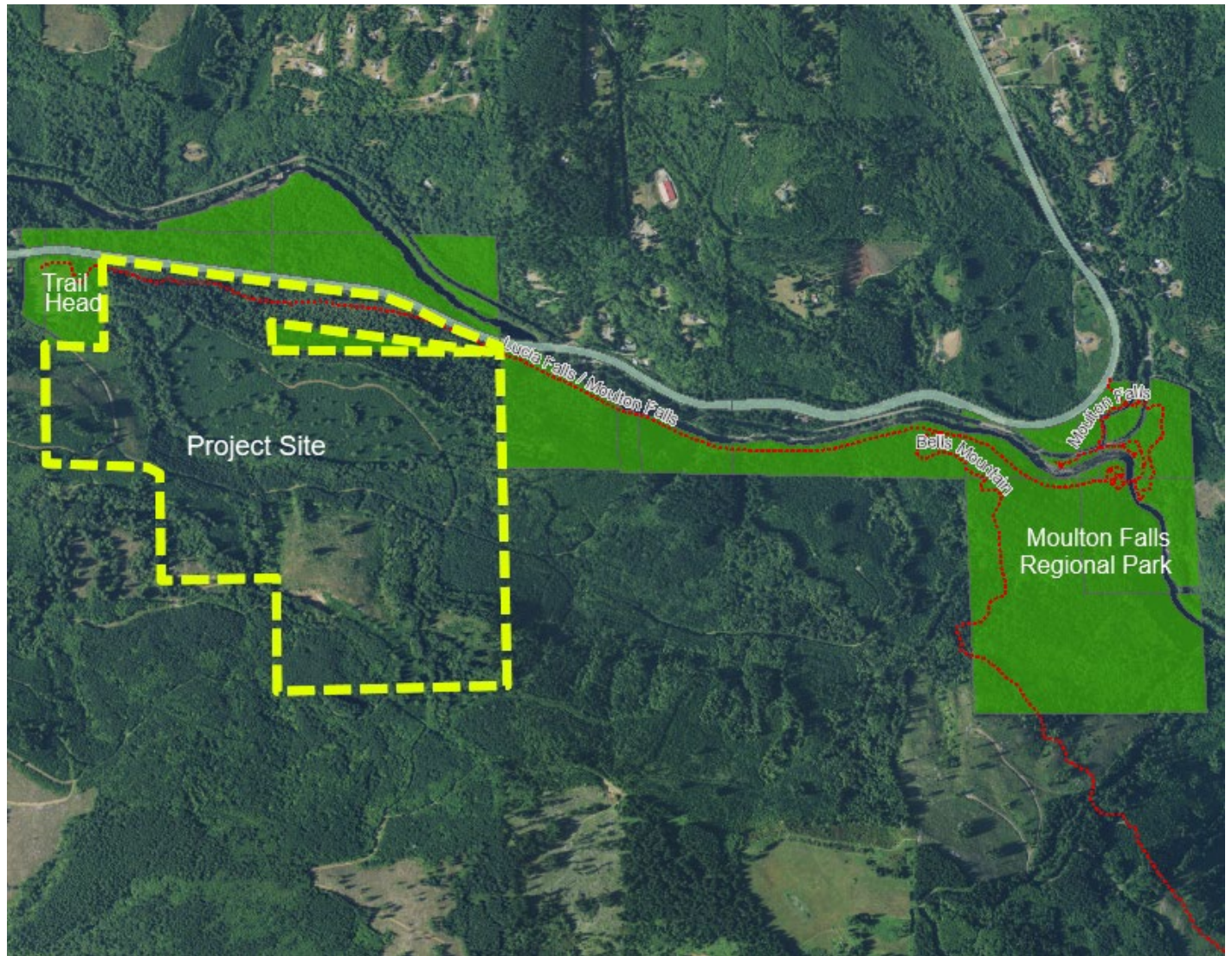
Grant Potential: NA

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Key Features:

- Acquires the existing Hantwick Road to Moulton Falls Trail corridor which currently is only an easement through the project site.
- Protects the forested viewshed from the trail corridor.
- Department of Natural Resources reconveys the property to Clark County. Conservation Futures request defrays DNR's processing and incidental expenses for the reconveyance.
- Supports a variety of county and regional plans, including County's *Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan*, *County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plans*, *Regional Trails and Bikeway Systems Plan*, *Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board's East Fork Lewis River Salmon Habitat Restoration Plan*, *Department of Ecology's East Fork Lewis River Water Quality Partnership*.







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Conservation Futures Project Application / Summary

FUNDING CYCLE 2021

SUBMITTAL DATE: January 5, 2022

PROJECT NAME: Hantwick Road to Moulton Falls Trail

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Organization Name: Clark County Public Works, Parks and Lands Division

Agency Address: 4700 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA, 98665

Agency Jurisdiction: Clark County

Contact Name: Patrick Lee

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PROJECT LOCATION

Property Address(es): AP #s 232455000, 232456000 (no site address)

Tax Identification Number(s): Portions of AP #s 232455000, 232456000

Major Street / Intersection Nearest Property Access Point: Lucia Falls Road at Hantwick Road is the nearest major intersection. Hantwick Road and Basket Flat Road may also be used to access the property. The Moulton Falls trailhead is off of Hantwick Road.

Property Description (type of land use): The Lucia to Moulton Falls trail runs through the property. The subject parcels are in forest management and owned by the Department of Natural Resources.

Section: 15 Township: 4N Range: 3EWM

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Number of Parcels: 2 parcels

Addition: Adds to East Fork Lewis Greenway. Protects trail viewshed

Total Project Acres: 417.5 acres

Zoning Classification(s): Forest-80

Existing Structures/Facilities (No. / Type): Undeveloped

Current use: No

Watershed Name: East Fork Lewis River

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- Waterfront Access and type: No direct water access but parcel borders county-owned parcels with frontage on the East Fork Lewis River.
- Body of Water: East Fork Lewis River
- Shoreline (lineal ft.):
- Historical / Cultural Features: NA
- Owner Tidelands/Shorelands: NA
- Active Agriculture; Currently leased for agriculture
- Threatened / Endangered species present: Chinook, Chum, Coho, Summer and Winter Steelhead. East Fork Lewis River is designated by WDFW as a native steelhead gene pool.
- Utilities on property (list all known): CPU water. Parcels are in the Battle Ground School District Garbage pick-up provided by Waste Connections. Fire protection provided by Clark County Fire District 3. Shoreline designation is rural resource conservancy
- Potable water available on site: Well; Water Service; Is there a water right? Unknown

SITE DESCRIPTION Much of the property is mature Douglas Fir forest managed for timber by the State Department of Natural Resources. DNR proposed to log the area adjacent to the trail corridor in 2019. This alarmed citizens who urged the county and DNR to negotiate a plan to protect the viewshed of the trail corridor. Priority habitat and species designations include Biodiversity and Habitat Corridor. Shoreline Designation is “Rural Conservancy Resource Land.”

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS: The Lucia Falls to Moulton Falls trail runs through the property. The acquisition is proposed to protect the viewshed of the trail. No additional development is contemplated.

PROPOSED USES ON SITE: Project is acquisition only.

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- For purchase, list names: Clark County Legacy Lands. Washington Department of Natural Resources.
- For use of site, list names: Clark County Parks

TYPE OF INTEREST:

Warranty Deed: Yes Easement:

Other (please describe): While statutory warranty deed is preferable, quit claim deed or other types of interest may be considered

Project requires relocation of residents: Yes No

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Total Cost: \$1,699,159



Estimate Based on: Assessed Value. County has requested DNR to reconvey the property to the county. The \$100,000 Conservation Futures contribution includes DNR processing and incidental expenses.

Will other agencies/groups contribute to project? Yes No

Name of Contributor: Department of Natural Resources.

Amount of Contribution: \$1,599,159

Total Estimated Request from Conservation Futures: \$100,000

Attach separate sheet with all anticipated:

- Revenues for project, including donations, in-kind services, grants, partnerships, and other contributions
- Expenses for project, including permits, fees, staff time,

PROJECT MAINTENANCE PLAN (brief summary of maintenance approach): Legacy Lands maintenance by county.



Hantwick Road to Moulton Falls Trail	
Evaluation Criteria	Comments
Adopted Plan Conformance	Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan, Clark County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, Regional Trails and Bikeway System Plan, Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board Salmon Recovery Plan , East Fork Lewis River Water Cleanup Plan.
Existing/Potential Recreation Value	The project protects a heavily used existing regional trail, a segment of the East Fork Lewis River Greenway Trail.
Enhance value of abutting/proximate parks and conservation lands	Significant county land has been aggregated over the 2.5 miles between the Hantwick Road trailhead and Moulton Falls Regional Park. 0.9 miles of that trail lies within Department of Natural Resources Land through which the County has only a trail easement. Acquisition of the land over which the easement runs and adjacent DNR lands will secure the trail for continuing public use.
Agriculture/forest resource value	The site has high forest resource value. DNR had proposed to harvest timber along the trail corridor which stimulated vocal public resistance to the proposed timber sale and led to ongoing negotiations to transfer title of the corridor, and its viewshed, from DNR to Clark County.
Protected habitat and species value	A designated biodiversity area and corridor and riparian habitat encompass some of the site. Protecting watershed processes by maintaining mature forest cover supports salmonid populations, particularly steelhead within the East Fork Lewis River System. And water cleanup goals.
Available access	The existing Hantwick Road Trailhead provides excellent access to the project site.
Threat/non—availability in five years	The viewshed of timbered slopes along the trail would be significantly impacted by timber harvest. However, the site would be re-forested and after several years its timbered ambience would return. Threat of long-term conversion to anything but continued forest management is low.
Partnership contributions	DNR has included 37-acres of the project site into its 2019-2021 Trust Land Transfer list to turn title over to the county. This would visually buffer the trail corridor from the timber sale. While county has paid \$35,000 to defray DNR costs for this process, it is anticipated that, other than transactional costs (taxes, title, recording, etc), DNR will foot the bill for acquiring replacement school trust lands sparing the county of incurring any land costs.
Proximity to underserved populations	See demographics table
Geographic distribution	See 2017 and 2021 Geographic Distribution Map
Readiness for public use	The site is a heavily used existing trail with existing trailheads at both Hantwick Road and Moulton Falls Park.