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# Conservation Futures Project Application / Summary

## FUNDING CYCLE 2021

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** February 20, 2021

**PROJECT NAME:** Lacamas Prairie Natural Area

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

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

Agency Address: 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA, 98665

Agency Jurisdiction: Clark County

Contact Name: Patrick Lee

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### PROJECT LOCATION

Property Address(es): No site address

Tax Identification Number(s): AP #s 115310000, 115350000, 115360000, 115362000, 115410000, 115420000, 115430000, 115440000, 115450000, 115460000, 115480000, 115490000, 115491000, 115500000, 115510000, 115520000, 115530000, 115540000, 115541000, 115550000, 115560000, 115570000, 115580000, 115581000, 115590000, 115591000, 115595000, 115600000, 159115000, 159327000, 159364000, 168829000, 168830000, 168831000, 169904000, 169042000, 171912036, 171915000, 172238000, 172345000, 172347000

Major Street / Intersection Nearest Property: NW of the intersection of Ingle Road and Goodwin Road, Southeast of the intersection of NE 162<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and NE Fourth Plain Boulevard.

Property Description (type of land use): All parcels are part of the Anderson Dairy landholdings and have been historically used for agriculture/grazing. Most of the parcels are undeveloped, although a few have barns and outbuildings used for the dairy operation. A few also have residences. Agricultural wetlands are present on many parcels and portions of many parcels are in the Lacamas Creek floodway and flood fringe.

Section: 13, 24 Township: 2N Range: 2EWM; Sections 17, 18, 19, 20 Township 2N Range 3EWM

### EXISTING CONDITIONS

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Number of Parcels: 41 parcels

Addition: In 2007, the Department of Natural Resources established the Lacamas Prairie Natural Resources Conservation Area/Natural Area and commenced the process of acquiring land to re-establish a wet prairie ecosystem. To date DNR has aggregated about 200 acres with additional acquisitions pending.

Total Project Acres: Approximately 700 acres are identified as priorities for inclusion in the Natural Area.

Zoning Classification(s): 28 parcels have Agriculture-20 zoning. 12 parcels have Rural Residential R-5 or R-10 zoning. 1 parcel has Mixed Use zoning.

Existing Structures/Facilities (No. / Type): 11 parcels have structures on them. Many are associated with the dairy operation. A few have residences. Assessed building value of the parcels range from \$71,613 to \$1,855,779

Current use: Agriculture zoning and agriculture current use.

Watershed Name: Lacamas Creek

Waterfront Access and Type:: The project site has direct frontage on Lacamas Creek and many tributaries including: Fifth Plain Creek, Big Ditch Creek and Spring Branch Creek.

Body of Water: Lacamas Creek and tributaries noted above

Shoreline (lineal ft.): Lacamas Creek – 27,213; Fifth Plain Creek – 1,164; Big Ditch Creek – 4,468; Spring Branch Creek – 7,631

Historical / Cultural Features: Moderate to high archaeological probability

Owner Tidelands/Shorelands: Shoreline designation is primarily Rural Conservancy Resource Land with some Urban Conservancy along the fringes of major roads.

Active Agriculture;  Currently leased for agriculture

Threatened / Endangered species present: Priority habitat and species include riparian habitat, wood duck habitat and oak woodland. Streams are considered fish-bearing.. The site is identified as a high value conservation area in the Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan.

Utilities on property (list all known): Camas water. No sewer. Fire District 5. Evergreen School District Garbage pick-up provided by Waste Connections.

Potable water available on site:  Well;  Water Service;  Is there a water right? Likely, but not confirmed.

## **SITE DESCRIPTION**

Most of the parcels are undeveloped, although a few have barns and outbuildings used for the dairy operation. Property includes a manure management system. A few parcels have residences.

## **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS**

Restoration of wet prairie habitat and management of white oak habitat. At some point the Lake to Lake Trail will likely be aligned through the project site.

**PROPOSED USES ON SITE:** Project is acquisition only for habitat restoration and management purposes

## **PROJECT PARTNERS:**

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Department of Natural Resources Natural Areas Program. Much of the acquisition funding comes from the WWWRP Natural Areas grant program through the state Recreation and Conservation Office. County participation would likely be only to provide gap funding for key acquisitions

For use of site, list names: DNR, RCO grants

**TYPE OF INTEREST:**

Warranty Deed: Yes Easement:

Other (please describe):

Project requires relocation of residents:  Yes  No

**PROJECT COST:**

Estimated Total Cost: 15,798,104

Estimate Based on: Assessed valuation

Will other agencies/groups contribute to project?  Yes  No

Name of Contributor: Department of Natural Resources and RCO grants

Total Estimated Request from Conservation Futures: \$250,000. This is only to provide gap funding for key acquisitions until such time as DNR is able to aggregate sufficient resources to complete the acquisition.

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**

DNR will maintain the property.

