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Conservation Futures Project Application / Summary

FUNDING CYCLE 2021

SUBMITTAL DATE: January 5, 2022

PROJECT NAME: Ridgefield Schools to Flume Creek Corridor

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

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PROJECT LOCATION

Property Address(es): 3231 S 35th Place, Ridgefield, WA, 98642. 4820 NW 234th Street, Ridgefield, WA, 98642

Tax Identification Number(s): AP #s 216465000, 986053385, 986053384

Major Street / Intersection Nearest Property Access Point: Hillhurst Road and NW 229th St.

Access is best arranged by contacting the landowner of 3231 S 35th Place, Ridgefield.

Property Description (type of land use): Primarily undeveloped hayed fields. But, an unnamed tributary to Flume Creek runs diagonally through the property. It has a well developed forested riparian corridor ranging in width from 300-700 feet.

Section: 32 and 23 Township: 4N Range: 1EWM

EXISTING CONDITIONS

Number of Parcels: 3 parcels

Addition: Project is important to make a trail connection from the new Ridgefield Schools/Sports Complex off of Hillhurst Road to the county's Flume Creek Natural Area.

Total Project Acres: 59.8 acres.

Zoning Classification(s): Agriculture-20

Existing Structures/Facilities (No. / Type): There is a single family residence on AP #216465000.

Current use: No

Watershed Name: Flume Creek

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- Waterfront Access and type: An unnamed tributary of Flume Creek designated as a fish-bearing stream runs through the property.
- Body of Water: Unnamed tributary to Flume Creek
- Shoreline (lineal ft.): 2,343 (centerline of creek)
- Historical / Cultural Features: Moderate to high probability along the riparian corridor.
- Owner Tidelands/Shorelands: NA
- Active Agriculture; Currently leased for agriculture
- Threatened / Endangered species present: Winter Steelhead and Coho Salmon are known to occur in the unnamed creek. Other priority species per WDFW include Rainbow Trout. Priority habitat and species include riparian habitat and a biodiversity area and corridor.
- Utilities on property (list all known): Ridgefield water. Parcels are in the Ridgefield School District Garbage pick-up provided by Waste Connections. Fire protection provided by Clark-Cowlitz Fire and Rescue.
- Potable water available on site: Well; Water Service; Is there a water right?
Unknown

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is currently an active agricultural field, bi-sected by the riparian corridor which taverses diagonally through the property. The fields are hayed a couple of times per year. Site is immediately west of the new Ridgefield School District grades 5-6 and 7-8 school complex and the Ridgefield Outdoor Recreation Complex (RORC). The property is also bordered on the north by the City of Ridgefield boundary and significant residential construction is ongoing in the city limits. The riparian corridor is identified as a high value conservation area in the Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IMPROVEMENTS Acquisition only. Primary objective is to secure the trail corridor. However, the site lends itself to other recreational and habitat enhancement efforts. While this would entail a subsequent planning effort, activities could include removal of invasive species, planting of native plants and trees, addition of woody debris to the stream system, educational and interpretive signage.

PROPOSED USES ON SITE: Project is acquisition only. Once acquisitions are secured we would initiate the trail design process.

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- For purchase, list names: Clark County Parks and Lands
- For use of site, list names: Clark County Parks and Lands. At some point in the futures project could be transferred to the City of Ridgefield.

TYPE OF INTEREST:

Warranty Deed: Yes Easement:



Other (please describe): While statutory warranty deed is preferable, purchase of a public access easement would also fulfill project objectives.

Project requires relocation of residents: Yes No

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Total Cost: \$1,795,539

Estimate Based on: Assessors 2020 valuation for 2021 taxes, land value only.

Will other agencies/groups contribute to project? Yes No

Project may be eligible for RCO grant funding.

Name of Contributor:

Amount of Contribution: NA

Total Estimated Request from Conservation Futures: \$1,795,539

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

County will maintain the property with Legacy Lands maintenance funding until such time as the trail is developed. Typical activities include fence maintenance, noxious weed control, rough mowing etc. Once the trail is in place, County will explore the potential for the City and/or School District to take the lead on maintenance.

