

## NINE STEP PLANNER CLARK COUNTY WORK SESSIONS

This form needs to be reviewed and approved by the council **before** a work session is scheduled.

**REQUESTED BY: Public Works, Parks and Lands Division**

1. **TOPIC:** Conservation Futures Update
2. **WORK SESSION ATTENDEES:** Galina Burley, Kevin Tyler, Patrick Lee, Ahmad Qayoumi
3. **TIME FRAME:**  
**LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED:** 1 hour  
**DESIRED DATE:** September 30, 2020  
**SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION:** \_\_\_\_\_
4. **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:**  
 RCW 79A.25.120 requires that jurisdictions seeking funding from the Washington Recreation and Conservation Funding Board submit a long-range plan for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation facilities. The Recreation and Conservation Office requires the plan be updated every six years. The current Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan was last updated in 2014.
5. **DESIRED RESULTS:**  
 Staff will provide the council with an overview of Conservation Futures projects approved in 2017, present a proposed update to the County's Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan, and request that the council refer the proposed plan to the Clark County Parks and Advisory Board for further review and recommendation.
6. **IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):**  
 The Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan guides the county and its partners in the prioritization of county-wide conservation opportunities. The proposed plan will provide a prioritized list of projects for the council's consideration and comply with RCW 79A.25.120 and Recreation and Conservation Office requirements for grant eligibility.
7. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**  
 This document is among several planning documents submitted to the State of Washington Recreation and Conservation Office to ensure grant eligibility. The adopted plan should be submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Office prior to commencement of the 2021 grant cycle. Grant schedules for 2021 have not been released but typically begin prior to March 1.
8. **ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:**  
 Public Works has begun to update the list of potential conservation acquisitions in the Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan. Following this work session, the list will be reviewed and prioritized by the Clark County Parks Advisory Board and then presented to the council in preparation for adopting the updated Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan. Public Works will then select the highest priority projects from the adopted plan to replace projects funded by the \$7.3 million bond as capacity allows.
9. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**  
 Public Works requests that council refer the draft Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan to the Clark County Parks Advisory Board for review and recommendation.

Signature of requestor:

*Ahmad Qayoumi*

Ahmad Qayoumi, Public Works Director

DATE: 8/25/2020