

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, Lands Management Division

1. **TOPIC:** Conservation Futures funding proposal and allowable uses

2. **ATTENDEES:** Kevin Tyler, Denielle Cowley, Jenny Coker

3. **TIME FRAME:**

LENGTH OF TIME NEEDED: 1 hour

DESIRED DATE: September __, 2025

SCHEDULED DATE OF WORK SESSION: _____

4. **TIMING CONSIDERATIONS:** On Feb. 13, 2025, Public Works Lands Management staff issued a call for land conservation project proposals through the Legacy Lands – Conservation Futures program. One application was received from the City of Vancouver. The county's Parks Advisory Board has voted to recommend the project for funding consideration by the county council as part of the 2026-2031 Parks and Lands Capital Improvement Plan. Public Works is seeking council's support for that recommendation. The department is also seeking guidance on allowable uses on Conservation Futures funded properties as part of development projects proposed by the cities of Vancouver, Camas, and Washougal.

5. **DESIRED RESULTS:** Public Works is seeking county council's support for the City of Vancouver acquisition project and input and guidance for allowable uses on Conservation Futures funded properties.

6. **IMPACTS (COMMUNITY/FINANCIAL/STAFF/OTHER):** The county's draft 2026–2031 Parks and Lands Capital Improvement Plan includes a \$1,000,000 placeholder for a project within the Burnt Bridge Creek Subarea. Upon council approval through a public hearing and adoption of the Parks and Lands Capital Improvement Plan, the City of Vancouver and the county will execute an interlocal agreement to advance the project. Council guidance on allowable uses will help determine the inclusion of recreational improvements in county and partner projects developed on property purchased with Conservation Futures funding.

7. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** Approval of Vancouver's funding request aligns with the county's long-term goals for land conservation, public access, and natural resource conservation as outlined in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan and the Natural Areas Acquisition Plan. Inclusion of the Burnt Bridge Creek Subarea project in the 2026–2031 Parks and Lands Capital Improvement Plan supports implementation of these adopted policies. Council's guidance on allowable uses for recreation development of properties purchased with Conservation Futures funding will help staff make updates to the Legacy Lands Guidance Manual.

8. **ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED:** This acquisition is at risk due to increasing development pressure, rising property values, and ongoing negotiations with the property owners. Delays in securing funding or project approval could jeopardize the city's opportunity to acquire the property. Uses proposed at this future park location and two other

Conservation Futures funded properties in the cities of Camas and Washougal need council's input and guidance as staff works towards the creation of an allowable use policy for the Legacy Lands Guidance Manual.

9. **RECOMMENDED ACTION**: Public Works requests council's support for the City of Vancouver's project to be moved forward with the 2026-2031 Parks and Lands Capital Improvement Plan and that council provide input and guidance on allowable uses in the recreational development of properties purchased with Conservation Futures funds.

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