

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of Amendment 8 and supplements, if necessary, to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with King County for Conservation Futures program, providing the city with \$3,487,244 for the completed property acquisition in the Coal Creek/Lakemont neighborhood along with \$105,000 for site stabilization costs, and \$4,422,630 for the completed acquisition of properties in the Lake Sammamish neighborhood, 2) amending the 2025-2030 General Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$105,000, and 3) amending the 2025-2030 General CIP Plan to increase the budget by \$105,000 for Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Ordinance authorizes execution of Amendment 8 and supplements, if necessary, to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with King County and amends the budget to receive funding conveyed through King County

ACTION Conservation Futures program. In 2025, Bellevue was awarded \$3,487,244 for a property acquisition completed in the Coal Creek/Lakemont neighborhood, along with \$105,000 for site stabilization costs, and \$4,422,630 for the completed acquisition of properties in the Lake Sammamish neighborhood.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6900

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Since 1989, King County has managed the Conservation Futures program, providing grant assistance to municipalities and nonprofit organizations for the acquisition and preservation of open space lands. Over that time, Bellevue has been awarded over \$29 million that has been used to acquire dozens of properties across the city which have been incorporated into Bellevue's parks system.

Conservation Futures program funding awards are conveyed via an interlocal agreement approved under Bellevue City Council Ordinance No. 6651, adopted February 14, 2022, and King County Council Ordinance No. 18978. This amendment to the Interlocal Agreement provides the city with an additional \$3,487,244 in reimbursement for the purchase of the Park Pointe PUD property, located in the Coal Creek/Lakemont neighborhood. This property was acquired for natural area conservation and trail expansion. The City Council approved the property acquisition under Resolution No. 10461 on December 10, 2024, and the purchase was completed in January 2025.

Previously, the Conservation Futures program contributed \$10,813,38 toward the acquisition costs under Amendment 4 (Ordinance No. 6779) and Amendment 9 (Resolution No. 10546). With this amendment, the total contribution from King County Conservation Futures program is \$14,300,625. In addition, this amendment includes \$105,000 toward site stabilization costs which will be added Parks &

Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) to offset the demolition costs for structures on the property.

Amendment 8 also includes \$4,447,630 in reimbursement for two completed property acquisitions as part of the Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park project. The City Council approved the acquisition of 1800 W. Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE under Resolution No. 10419, and 1802 W. Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE under Resolution No. 10448. Both sites were successfully acquired in 2024, and this grant award will help partially reimburse the city's investment in these properties.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code 4.28.200 requires that grant awards over \$350,000 be approved by the City Council and pursuant to RCW 39.34.030(2) and 39.34.080, interlocal cooperation agreements between public agencies must be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract.

City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan

Parks and Open Space Policies

PA-1: Establish a coordinated and connected system of open space and greenways throughout the city that provide multiple benefits including preserving natural systems, protecting wildlife habitat and corridors, enhancing scenic character, and providing land for recreation.

PA-7: Obtain, for preservation, natural areas that are sensitive to development or represent a valuable ecological resource to the community.

PA-11: Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program using tools such as levies, grants, impact fees, special taxing districts or other methods.

Environmental Stewardship Element

CL-109: Explore opportunities for public acquisition and management of key critical areas of valuable natural and aesthetic resources, and fish and wildlife habitat sensitive to urbanization through a variety of land acquisition tools such as conservation easements and fee-simple purchase.

Fiscal Impact

This action will amend the 2025-2030 General Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$105,000 and to increase the budget by \$105,000 for Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82).

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of Amendment 8 and supplements, if necessary, to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with King County for Conservation Futures program, providing the city with \$3,487,244 for the completed property acquisition in the Coal Creek/Lakemont neighborhood along with \$105,000 for site stabilization costs, and \$4,422,630 for the completed acquisition of properties in the Lake Sammamish neighborhood, 2) amending the 2025-2030 General Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by

\$105,000, and 3) amending the 2025-2030 General CIP Plan to increase the budget by \$105,000 for Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82).

2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. CIP Project Description
Proposed Ordinance No. 6900

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for King County Conservation Futures Program and amendments
Proposed Amendment 8 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement