

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC**

Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of an amendment and supplements if necessary to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures open space acquisition program, providing the City with \$752,000 in King County Conservation Futures proceeds; 2) amending the 2023-2029 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) to increase the budget for the Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) by \$752,000.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****ACTION**

This Ordinance approves execution of an amendment and supplements as necessary to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with King County and amends the budget to receive funding conveyed through King County Conservation Futures program. The funding is awarded annually through a competitive process. For 2024, Bellevue was awarded \$752,000 to support the acquisition of a West Lake Sammamish property for the Lake to Lake Greenway Trail connection.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6807

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

Since 1989, King County has managed the Conservation Futures program, providing grant assistance to cities in King County for the acquisition and preservation of open space lands. In that time, Bellevue has been awarded over \$15 million that has been used to acquire dozens of properties across the City that 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 \$752,000 for the purpose of acquiring the property located at 1809 W. Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE (Nelson Property) for open space conservation and to provide a future Lake to Lake Greenway Trail connection. The City Council approved the property acquisition under Resolution No. 10315 in November 2023, and the site was successfully acquired in December 2023. This grant funding will partially reimburse the City's investment in the property.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element

- 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, and providing land for recreation.
- PA-2. Obtain land throughout the community to meet present and future parks and open space needs.
- PA-5. Obtain, for preservation, natural areas that are sensitive to urbanization or represent a valuable natural and aesthetic resource to the community
- PA-9. Actively seek funding from a variety of sources to help implement a park acquisition and development program.

Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan 2022 – Capital Project Objectives:

- OST-2. Lake to Lake Greenway Trails: Multi-use Connections.
- OST-8. Connect/Extend Trails: Enhance Connectivity and Walkability.
- OST-10. Open Space Acquisition.

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.

### **Fiscal Impact**

This action will increase the 2023-2029 General Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budget for Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) by \$752,000 for property acquisition.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Ordinance 1) authorizing execution of an amendment and supplements if necessary to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures open space acquisition program, providing the City with \$752,000 in King County Conservation Futures proceeds; 2) amending the 2023-2029 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) to increase the budget for the Parks & Open Space Acquisition (CIP Plan No. P-AD-82) by \$752,000.
2. Do not adopt the Ordinance and provide alternative direction to staff.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

A. CIP Project Description (P-AD-82)  
Proposed Ordinance 6807

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for King County Conservation Futures Program  
Proposed Amendment 5 to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperative Agreement