

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment 7 and supplements, if necessary, to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures program, providing the City with 1,565,881 for a completed property acquisition in the Coal Creek/Lakemont neighborhood.

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Parks & Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

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RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 10546

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Since 1989, King County has managed the Conservation Futures program, providing grant assistance to cities for the acquisition and preservation of open space lands. Over that time, Bellevue has been awarded over \$26 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 in February 2022, and King County Council Ordinance No. 18978. This amendment to the Interlocal Agreement provides the City with an additional \$1,565,881 reimbursement for the purchase of the Park Pointe PUD property located in the Coal Creek/Lakemont neighborhood for natural area conservation and trail expansion. The City Council approved the property acquisition under Resolution No. 10461 on December 10, 2024, and the site was successfully acquired in January. The Conservation Futures program previously provided \$9,247,500 toward the acquisition costs under interlocal Amendment 4 as approved by City Council on March 4, 2024, under Ordinance No. 6779. This funding is additional support for the project and will partially reimburse the City's investment in the property.

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, Recreation and 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, 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 increases the Parks Long Term Planning Reserve by \$1,565,881 for parks and open space property acquisition and reimburses the City for park property acquisition funds expended in January.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt the Resolution authorizing execution of Amendment 7 and supplements, if necessary, to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with King County for the Conservation Futures program, providing the City with 1,565,881 for a completed property acquisition in the Coal Creek/Lakemont neighborhood.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS

Proposed Resolution No. 10546

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for King County Conservation Futures Program and amendments
Proposed Amendment 7 to the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement