

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA TOPIC

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Parks & Community Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**ACTION**

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RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Ordinance No. 6842

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 \$25 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 \$1,597,500 for the purchase of Vasa Open Space for natural area conservation and trail expansion. The City Council approved the property acquisition under Resolution No. 10396 on July 23, 2024, and the site was successfully acquired in November 2024. This grant funding will partially reimburse the city's investment in the property.

Furthermore, this amendment will add \$337,500 to the Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park project (CIP Plan No. P-AD-106) to offset the demolition costs of structures on two previously acquired properties to be used for a future park and, and \$187,500 will be added to the Parks Trails project (CIP Plan No. P-AD-106) to offset demolition costs for structures on a property in the Woodridge neighborhood acquired for a future Eastrail regional trail connection.

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 Policies

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 2025-2026 General Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$525,000 and the 2025-2030 General CIP Budget by \$337,500 for Lake Sammamish Neighborhood Park (CIP Plan No. P-AD-106) and by \$187,500 for Parks Trails (CIP Plan No. P-AD-112).

OPTIONS

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Sammamish Neighborhood Park (CIP Plan No. P-AD-106) and by \$187,500 for Parks Trails (CIP Plan No. P-AD-112).

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

ATTACHMENTS

- A. CIP Project Descriptions (P-AD-106, P-AD-112)
Proposed Ordinance No. 6842

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and amendments for King County Conservation Futures Program
Amendment 6 to the Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement