Conservation is part of responsible growth.
Benefits and Value of Conservation to the Region

- Climate Change
- Biodiversity
- Social Equity
- Human Health
- Economic Development
- Competitive Advantage
Conservation Success To Date

King County Easements
Forest Production Districts
(824,072 ac. 60% of King County)
737,000 acres protected
(89% of Forest Production District protected)

Agricultural Production Districts
(41,237 ac. 3% of King County)
14,333 ac of farmland protected
(35% of Agricultural Production District protected)

CONSERVATION SUCCESSES

Total: 674,000 acres
King County: 34,000 acres

Fee: 674,000 acres
Easement: 156,000 acres

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe-owned

Other Public Lands
(Federal, State and Municipal Water Supply)
There’s More To Do

• Puget Sound water quality
• Salmon recovery
• Stormwater control
• Flood control
• Trail connections
• Passive recreation opportunity
• Forest and farm economies
Protect the remaining high conservation value lands in King County, within a generation.
Conservation & Funding Targets

Conserve approx. 66,000 acres of land \((\text{easement or fee acquisition})\)
Estimated cost of $1.5-1.8 billion \((\text{land + transaction costs + 30 years O&M})\)
Significant funding is already identified \(\text{("Existing" + "Private" Funding)}\)
Funding gap of \(~$400\) million

**Existing Funding Sources Include:**
- Conservation Futures
- County Parks Levy
- REET 1
- Flood District
- State/Federal Grants
- Current Use Taxation
- Transfer Devt Rights
- In Lieu Fee Mitigation

**Private Funding:**
- Environmental Markets
- Philanthropy
- Private Investments

**Fill the Funding Gap:**
- CFT increase
- Bond
- Property Tax Levy
- REET 3

Land acquisition priorities, cost & funding projections being refined in 2017
Conservation protects what we love about this region
Open Space Equity Analysis

Access to parks and open space

Where people are experiencing three environmentally influenced chronic health conditions:

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Heart disease

Percent people of color

Percent “speak English less than very well”

Household income

Health Measures

Demographic Measures
# Understanding “Priority” in Open Space Equity Scoring

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Open Space Equity: Community Engagement

• Which properties in urban areas would communities like to protect as open space?

• How do various communities want to use open space?

• What ideas do community members have about how to care for open space?

• How can we support community-driven priorities for open space protection?
We’re planting 1 million trees

and we are doing it equitably by:

• Engaging with partners
• Engaging with communities and the public
• Building a tool for tree planting decisions
• Increasing tree canopy for human and environmental benefits
THE TIME IS NOW TO CONSERVE KING COUNTY’S LANDS FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

http://kingcounty.gov/land-conservation