Conservation Futures - Legacy Lands
Application Process

Property identified for conservation protection

Citizens and jurisdictions may identify a property or parcels that meets the goals of the Conservation Future program and would benefit our community.

Manage property for timber or agriculture

Provides tax incentive for property owner’s who keep property in open space, timber or agriculture production. Contact the Clark County Assessor’s office for more information and application. www.clark.wa.gov/assessor/taxrelief/currentuse.html

Purchase property rights / fee-simple

Conservation Futures levy funds may be used to purchase property rights, including fee simple purchase by jurisdiction or authorized non-profit agency.

Notification of intent to receive proposals issued by Clark County / 3rd quarter annually

8 weeks minimum

Submittal of proposal & application by eligible project sponsor

Proposal review for completeness and regulatory compliance by County staff

Recommended proposal recommendation to BOCC for consideration

Advisory Commission review and evaluation of eligible projects based on criteria

On - site property tour (Optional to review application and features of property)

BOCC public hearing of recommendation based on staff report

Notification of funding as approved by BOCC for eligible projects based on available

Interlocal Agreement prepared to outline terms and conditions of the project

Property purchase process

The project sponsor will coordinate work with the Legacy Lands Project Manager to initiate and complete the acquisition of the designation property(ies).

Project reporting and documentation

The project sponsor will need to complete all necessary reporting and documentation for the property acquisition and on-going work on the property to Legacy Lands.

More information can be found at our website: www.clark.wa.gov/legacylands
What information if required in the application proposal?

1. **Project Narrative:** Provide a narrative that summarizes the project proposal and the value of the property to our community per the project application. This information should include site data, project partners, funding information, maintenance and operations goals, acquisition timeline, etc. Information shall include:
   - Sponsoring Agency
   - Project Location
   - Existing Conditions and Use
   - Type of Interest to be acquired
   - Site Description
   - Proposed Improvements
   - Proposed Uses
   - Anticipated Project Cost (Expenses and Revenues, including in-kind)

2. **Site Location Map:** On a map of Clark County or a map of the appropriate jurisdictional boundaries, clearly identify the location of the proposed acquisition. Include an aerial photograph with the location identified. Include a minimum of one (1) mile radius around the site for context and label significant features and/or landmarks including roads.

3. **Project Boundary Map:** On a quarter section map or other map of sufficiently small scale, identify the boundaries of the proposed project. The dimensions and configuration of the parcel should be easily seen (in some cases, the site location map may also serve this purpose).

4. **Images / Photographs:** Provide a minimum of six (6) representative images of the property. The images should show terrain, plant types, waterfront, man-made features, access roads, etc.

5. **Development Plan:** Provide a schematic or master plan of the project site showing proposed uses and improvements. If not available, provide a detailed description of the uses and improvements that are planned for the site.

6. **Maintenance and Operations Plan:** Include a summary of the sponsor’s approach to operation of the site (i.e. uses, programming, facilities, etc.) as well as maintenance plans (i.e. daily, annual, asset management, asset preservation, etc.).

The Legacy Lands Guidance Manual and application forms are available at: www.clark.wa.gov/legacylands