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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington



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AMENDED  
ORDINANCE NO. 89-107

CREATION OF A CONSERVATION FUTURES ADVISORY BOARD  
AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE;  
AMENDING SNOHOMISH COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 4.14

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Council has determined that adequate protection of open space, wetlands, farm and timber land is essential to the quality of life in Snohomish County and that opportunities for such protection must be identified; and

WHEREAS, in response to this determination the County Council adopted Ordinance No. 88-097, creating the conservation futures property tax fund, on November 21, 1988 to provide a reliable and predictable funding source to help acquire interests in open space, wetlands, farm and agricultural land, and timber land in both unincorporated and incorporated Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide a guide to Snohomish County citizens and policy makers for planning and protecting critical lands; devise criteria and methods for systematically identifying, analyzing, classifying, and comparing sites; establish a process by which funds generated by the new real property tax levy can be distributed to acquire selected parcels based upon county-wide needs; and

WHEREAS, the Council determines that the creation of a Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board and a Technical Advisory Committee to the Board is necessary for the purpose of developing an annual recommendation of projects to receive funding for submittal to the County Council for final review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

NEW SECTION, Section 1. A new section 4.14.080 is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 4.14 to read as follows:

4.14.080 Establishment of a Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board. A Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board is hereby established to implement Ordinance No. 88-097. The Board shall make annual recommendations to the Council for projects to be funded as part of the Conservation Futures Program and shall develop strategic, long-term plans for the program.

The Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board shall consist of the Snohomish County Executive (or his designee); two members of the Snohomish County Council; one elected official selected by all cities and towns whose population base, independently, is 10,000 or greater; one elected official selected by all cities and towns whose population base, independently, is less than 10,000; and two members representing residents of Snohomish County. Terms of board members shall be limited to four years. A member shall serve a maximum of three consecutive terms. The two community representative appointments shall be made pursuant to SCC 2.03, and should represent different geographic areas of the County.

Recommendations from the Board shall be forwarded to the County Executive for transmittal to the County Council for final action.

NEW SECTION, Section 2. A new section 4.14.090 is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 4.14 as follows:

4.14.090 Establishment of a Technical Advisory Committee. A Technical Advisory Committee is hereby established to assist the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board. The Committee shall review project proposals on such issues as technical merit, financial feasibility and extent of benefit. The Committee shall consider elements found in the Fund Allocation Criteria for use as an aid in recommending annual individual programs. The Committee shall also develop an early action strategy for prioritizing proposals for allocation of the Conservation Futures funds to resolve issues such as whether the funds should be used to leverage additional monies available from other sources and whether funds should be allocated for projects on a county-wide or district by district basis. A recommendation to the Board on the early

action strategy shall be the first item of business for the committee. The recommendation shall be provided to the Board by March 1, 1990.

The Technical Advisory Committee shall consist of one representative from the Planning Division of the Snohomish County Department of Planning and Community Development ; one representative from the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Parks & General Services; one representative from the County Department of Budget and Finance; one representative from the Snohomish County Planning Commission; one representative from the Snohomish County Parks Board; one representative from a parks/planning department of a city or town whose population base is 10,000 or greater; and one representative from a parks/planning department of a city or town whose population base is less than 10,000. Terms of committee members shall be limited to four years.

NEW SECTION, Section 3. A new section 4.14.100 is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 4.14 as follows:

4.14.100 Prioritization of projects. (1) The Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board shall use the Fund Allocation Criteria set forth in subsection (2) below as a preliminary threshold in making its recommendation for funding for proposed projects. Such criteria may be used by the Board in conjunction with other considerations developed to help prioritize proposed projects for submittal to the Council for approval.

(2) Fund Allocation Criteria. To identify and select projects for acquisition by the county, each proposal shall be evaluated to determine whether it:

1. Has regional or community-wide significance;
2. Provides multi-jurisdictional benefit;
3. Enhances or complements an ongoing conservation or preservation program;
4. Conserves opportunities which are otherwise threatened by development;
5. Comprises a portion of a continuum of projects which collectively implement a complete project or objective;
6. Complies with one or more Open Space program policies and criteria;

- 7. Comprises an entire project;
- 8. Establishes a trial corridor and/or natural area linkage.

NEW SECTION, Section 4. A new section 4.14.110 is added to Snohomish County Code Chapter 4.14 as follows:

4.14.110 Repealer. In accordance with Section 2.115 of the Snohomish County Charter, this chapter is hereby repealed on November 21, 1994 unless otherwise re-enacted prior to that date.

Section 5 Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be January 1, 1990.

PASSED THIS 20th DAY OF September, 1989.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

William A. Brubaker  
Chairman

ATTEST:

Julie VanCleve

Approved as to form:

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Prosecuting Attorney

- APPROVED
- VETOED
- EMERGENCY

DATE Sept. 22, 1989

John Martinis  
Deputy Executive  
County Executive

ATTEST:

Hildur Colwell