



**RIDGEFIELD PARKS BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 23, 2023
RACC - Columbia Assembly Room
510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642**

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Late changes to the agenda**

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

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III. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Minutes from the June 14, 2023 Meeting**

IV. BUSINESS

- 1. Welcome back – what did we do over our last two months? - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**
- 2. Review Workplan Progress – Mid-year Review - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**
- 3. Update on Abrams Park Master Plan Consultant Procurement - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**
- 4. Update on Waterfront Park Master Plan Process (with Port of Ridgefield) - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**

V. PRESENTATION

- 1. Legacy Lands Presentation with Clark County**

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VII. STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Preview of September's meeting - Chuck Green, Public Works Director**

VIII. FROM THE BOARD

IX. ADJOURN

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Approval of Minutes from the June 14, 2023 Meeting

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

STAFF CONTACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Parks Board Minutes 6.14.23



**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
PARKS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2023**

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

I. GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

- 1. Flag Salute**
- 2. Roll Call**

Present:

Board Member Brigid Taylor
Board Member Jake Bredstrand
Chair Rian Davis
Board Member Sandy Schill
Board Member Sarah Scott
Board Member Whitney Randall
Vice Chair Beth Bicknell

Absent:

3. Late changes to the agenda

No changes.

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III. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from the May 10, 2023 Meeting

RESULT:	ADOPTED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Vice Chair Beth Bicknell

SECONDER:	Board Member Sandy Schill
AYES:	Board Member Taylor, Board Member Bredstrand, Chair Davis, Board Member Schill, Board Member Scott, Board Member Randall, Vice Chair Bicknell

IV. BUSINESS

1. Introduce Josh Johnson, Lead Engineer - Galina Burley, Parks and Recreation Manager

Galina introduced Josh Johnson, Lead Engineer of Public Works, to the Board. Josh stated he is looking forward to working with the Board to help grow and increase connectivity for the Parks and Trails in Ridgefield. Galina said Josh has been integral to seeing how things align and mapping things out.

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VI. STAFF REPORTS

1. Wayfinding Plan - Galina Burley, Parks and Recreation Manager

Galina mentioned the Council approved the Wayfinding Plan last year in the operational budget. The plan will help people navigate the trail system with better signs and mapping. Currently, many trails follow around neighborhood developments and are managed by the HOA in the area. The topography of Ridgefield makes it difficult to have fully paved trails in all areas. Assessments of trail conditions are starting gradually to address larger issues such as accessibility due to trail terrain or environmental overgrowth. Part of the wayfinding plan recommends developing trails that are multi-modal, increasing city branding and consistency of trail names, improving the mapping of new and existing trails, and adding signage for orientation and distances.

2. Paradise Point Community Park - Galina Burley, Parks and Recreation Manager

Galina welcomed Kevin Miller, Construction Manager from HSR Development, and Joel Sterling, Principal Owner/Engineer from Sterling Design, to the meeting. The work being done with the parks has PIF credit eligibility.

Joel has been working on the project design for about 15 years. The park area will be around 15 acres. The active open space is unencumbered by stormwater facilities and critical areas with buffers. Two play areas are being planned on opposite sides of the park, along with paved walkways and pathway lighting. Trail connectivity is important in planning. Oak mitigation plantings will occur throughout the park system. No restrooms are being planned at this time, but could be added later in development.

Kevin stated Rotschy is part of the construction/design team, and has worked on other parks in the Ridgefield area. Basic goals of the play areas include having unique elements in play structures, minimizing maintenance needs by utilizing synthetic products, increasing accessibility with the use of a pour and play surface instead of wood chips, and paving the walkways. The eastern border of the entire park area is Royle Road, and extends to the western border on 35th St. Trail connectivity should be integral in development as well.

3. Skate Park Pop-up Outreach Plan - Galina Burley, Parks and Recreation Manager

Galina gave some updates.

Skate Park = June 22nd - Pop-up outreach at the current skate park to get feedback from those that utilize the park for elements they want to see in the permanent park.

YMCA = June 21st at Bennett hall - Ice Cream Social hosted for aging adults.

Parks Board City Tour w/ Council = September 18th - looking at city developments that include parks. More details are to be given at a later date.

The Boyse Park master plan went to the Council a month ago, and it was determined to remove pickleball courts from the current plan.

VII. FROM THE BOARD

Member Bicknell suggested having an off-leash area instead of the pickleball court at Boyse Park.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Kim Zurcher, PW Administrative Coordinator

Rian Davis, Chairperson

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Welcome back – what did we do over our last two months?

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

STAFF CONTACT: Chuck Green, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS:

None

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Review Workplan Progress – Mid-year Review

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

STAFF CONTACT: Chuck Green, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ridgefield Parks Board 2023 Work Plan

Ridgefield Parks Board 2023 Work Plan:

Updated 08/22/2023

The plan for 2023 involves being intentional and strategic. Our goal is to focus on fewer items and see more tasks completed.

Item	Description	Lead
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan	Work with staff on updating the 2020 plan for council review and approval. Part of Comp Plan/CFP Update scheduled for 2024	Chuck Green Parks Manager
Policy review	Annually review park rules, regulations, codes, bylaws, etc.	Rian Davis Parks Manager
Parks tour	Conduct an annual parks tour with the board and partners (as needed, not mandatory)	Rian Davis
Trail Connectivity	Develop a workgroup to unpack this council and city priority	Rian Davis Parks Manager
Parks and trails Capital projects	Review projects and make recommendations to council (new) • Boyse Property: Council approved; Phase 1 design in-process • Overlook Park Splash Pad – nearly complete • Horns Corner Park Council approved; Phase 1 design in-process • Gee Creek Trail, North – finalizing negotiations with Mackay and Sposito • Mayor’s Meadow Trail – PBS developing concept level design for grant applications • Skate Park analysis - Completed • Refuge Park – Dog Park opened in June 2023 • Onslow Nature Play – awaiting initiative for concept plan • Teal Crest-Taverner Trail – on-hold awaiting funding • Waterfront Park – Consultant RFQ under development with Port	Parks Manager

	• Corwin Trail – under construction, expected fall 2023 • Abrams Park MP (2023-2024) – consultant selected, beginning negotiations • Hillhurst Trail (funding TBD)	
Item	Description	Lead
Parks standards	Review best practices. • Inclusive Playgrounds • ADA • Historic Preservation • Legacy Lands - County presentation August 2023 meeting • Further unpack this body of work in the park plan • Develop processes for HOAs	Parks Manager
Parks Inventory	Involve park board members in mapping of the current inventory Further unpack this body of work in the park plan 2025/2026	Parks Manager
Parks and trails signage	• Wayfinding sign plan for Ridgefield (Sun River) – design and phase 1 deployment at Abrams underway • Recommend: five priority parks 1. Abrams 2. Davis 3. Hayden 4. Mayor's Meadow 5. Overlook	Parks Manager
Collaborations/Partnerships	• Continue working with local community in development of parks/trails and recreational programs. • Support partnership with organizations for the purpose of outreach, volunteering, and funding. • Specific focus on HOAs with public parks and trails.	Parks Manager

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Update on Abrams Park Master Plan Consultant Procurement

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Staff will provide an update on the consultant procurement process and timelines for the Abrams Park Master Plan.

STAFF CONTACT: Chuck Green, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS:

None

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Update on Waterfront Park Master Plan Process (with Port of Ridgefield)

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Staff will provide an update on the Waterfront Park Master Plan process to be conducted in partnership with the Port of Ridgefield.

STAFF CONTACT: Chuck Green, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: August 23, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NAME: Legacy Lands Presentation with Clark County

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

Kevin Tyler and Denielle Cowley of Clark County will present about the Legacy Lands program.

STAFF CONTACT: Chuck Green, Public Works Director

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ridgefield PAB PowerPoint 8_23 Final DC_KT

Program Overview: Clark County Legacy Lands

Ridgefield Parks Advisory Board

Clark County Public Works, Parks and Lands Division

August 23, 2023



Objectives

- Conservation Futures overview
- Natural Areas Acquisition Plan overview
- Draft Guidance Manual overview
- Projects to date
- Draft 2023-2028 projects



Conservation Futures Background

- Conservation Futures Program instituted in 1985, renamed Legacy Lands Program in 2006
- Funded through property tax levy up to 6.25 cents / \$1000 of valuation (RCW 84.34)
- More than 5,400 acres acquired to date
- Acquisitions have been made inside cities and in the unincorporated area
- Acquisitions have helped to assemble many well-known parks and natural areas in the county



Past Planning Efforts

- 1992 – Clark County Open Space Commission Report
- 2004 – Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan
- 2014 – Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan update
- 2022-2027 – Natural Areas Acquisition Plan update*

*Renamed for consistency with county's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan



Significant Past Acquisitions

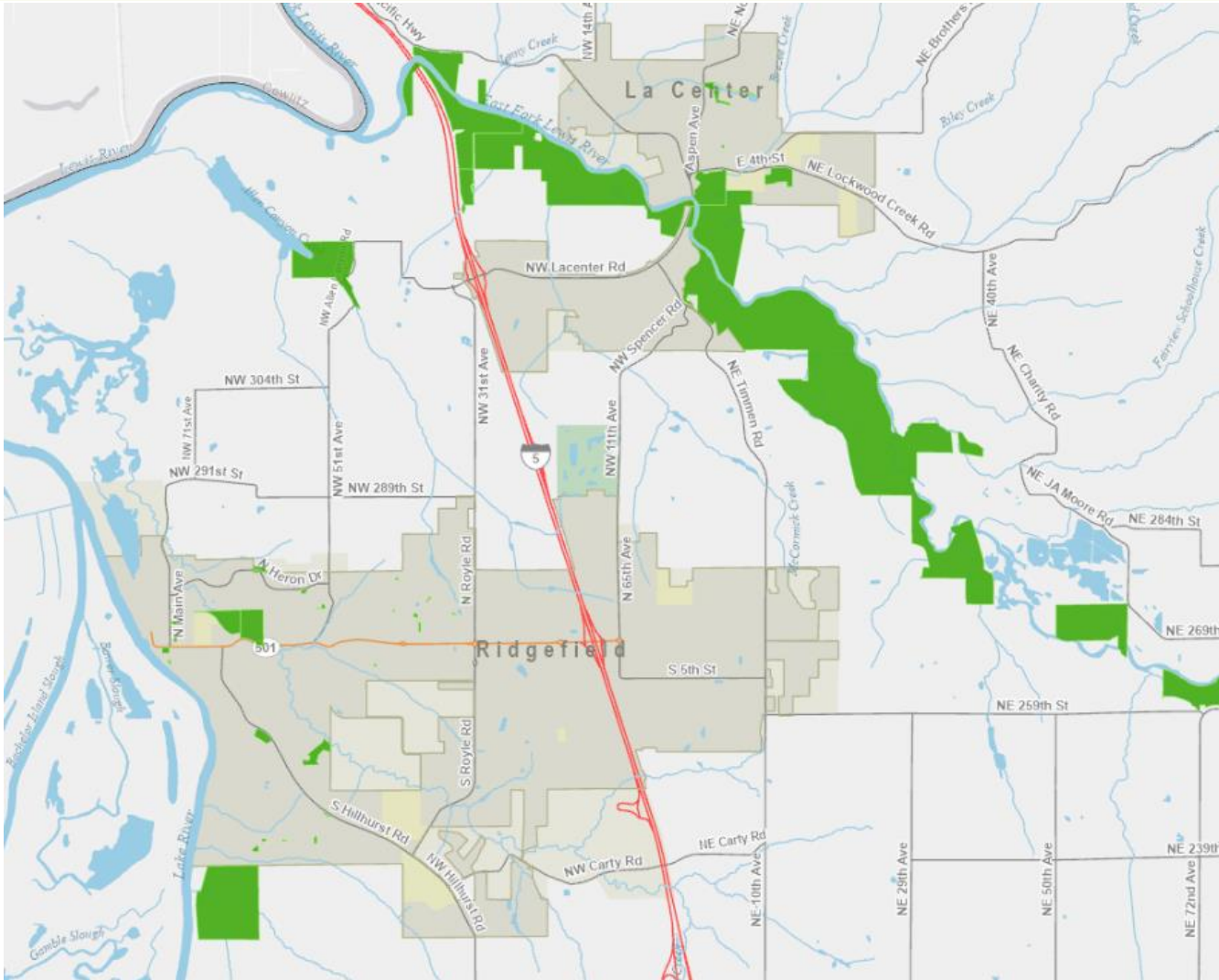
- Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway
- Vancouver Lake Lowlands/Frenchman's Bar
- Salmon Creek Greenway
- Whipple Creek Regional Park Additions
- East Fork Lewis River Greenway
- Lucia and Moulton Falls
- Salmon Morgan Natural Area
- Camp Currie, Lacamas, Round and Fallen Leaf Lakes
- Washougal River Greenway
- Green Mountain
- Gordy Jolma Family Natural Area



Legacy Lands properties near Ridgefield

- Flume Creek
 - Need to establish access
- East Fork Lewis River Greenway
 - Paradise Park – Lewisville Park
 - Acquisition and Master Plan
- Lake Rosannah
 - Transferred expected in 2023 by Columbia Land Trust
- Green Lake
 - Need to establish access





Open space land is defined in the [RCW 84.34.020](#)

- ***Conserve and enhance*** natural or scenic resources.
- ***Protect streams*** or water supplies.
- ***Promote conservation*** of soils, wetlands, beaches, or tidal marshes.
- ***Enhance the value to the public*** of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries or other open space.
- ***Enhance recreation*** opportunities.
- ***Preserve historic*** sites.
- ***Farm and Timber land properties.***
- ***Preserve visual quality*** along highway, road, or street corridors or scenic vistas.
- ***Retain in its natural state tracts of land not less than one acre*** situated in an urban area and open to public use on such conditions as may be reasonably required by the legislative body granting the open space classification.



Draft Acquisitions and Application timetable

Application Timetable:	
Month	Activity
January	Legacy Lands call for project proposals sent to sponsors
March 1st	Submittal of proposals from project sponsors
March to June	Lands Coordinator reviews proposals for completeness and statutory compliance. Required On-site tours conducted
June	Project sponsors presents proposals to the Clark County Parks Advisory Board (PAB). County staff and PAB sub-committee evaluate project proposals and provide a ranked list and recommendations to Clark County Council.
July	Request work session with Clark County Council to review PAB ranking. Report is shared with funding sponsors.
August	Schedule work session with County Council to review PAB's recommended acquisitions.
September	CIP updated to include NAAP acquisitions.
November	County Council hearing to approve CIP including recommended Legacy Lands project proposals (typically November). Lands Coordinator notifies the sponsors of final decisions upon approval.
December - Following year (January - March)	Interlocal agreement negotiated with approved sponsor.
Due each 6 months	Awarded project sponsors submit 'Interim Progress Report'
Three-year window	Implementation
Application expected each third and sixth years of the NAAP	



Draft Acquisition Plan 2023-2028

Appendix B: Clark County Natural Areas Acquisition Plan

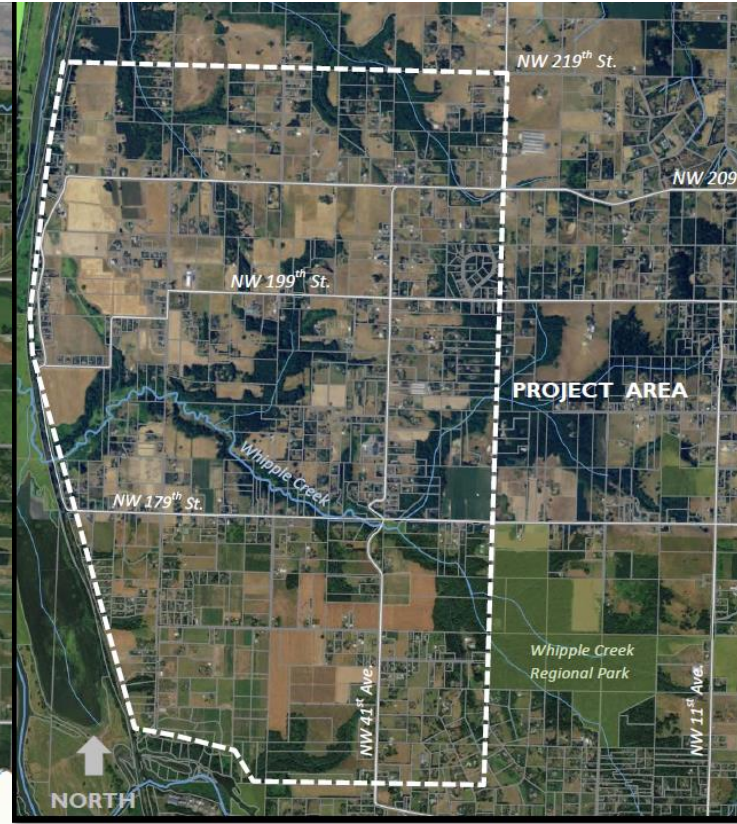
6-Year Potential Projects List

2023-2030

Project Name - Site	Sponsor	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Sum
Middle Salmon & Lower Whipple Creek Farm Preservation	County	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000
Lake River Water Trail	County	\$ 335,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 485,000
Horseshoe Falls	Land Trust	\$ 260,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260,000
Columbia River Shoreline - SE 192nd Ave	Vancouver	\$ 5,000	\$ 860,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 865,000
Ridgefield Pits	County	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
Lacamas Prairie Natural Area	County	\$ 10,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 510,000
La Center Bottoms Addition	County	\$ 10,000	\$ 280,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 290,000
Flume Creek Access	County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 670,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 670,000
Ridgefield Schools to Flume Creek Trail	Ridgefield	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,000
Three Creeks Greenway	County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 620,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 620,000
Green Mountain Access	County	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Upper Salmon Creek Addition	County	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Lower Salmon Creek Subarea	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Whipple Creek Subarea	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000
East Fork Lewis River Subarea Lower	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000
East Fork Lewis River Subarea Upper	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000
Washougal River/Little Washougal River Subareas	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000
Lacamas Subarea Lower	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Gee Creek/Flume Creek Subarea	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Cedar Creek Subarea	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000
Lacamas Subarea Upper	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000
Gibbons Creek	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ 750,000
Farm and Forest Preservation	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800,000	\$ -	\$ 800,000
Upper Salmon Creek Addition	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ -	\$ 750,000
Burnt Bridge/Columbia Shore Watershed	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Canyon and Sjouxon Watersheds	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
East Fork Lewis River	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Allen Canyon Creek	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000
Lakeshore Watershed	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
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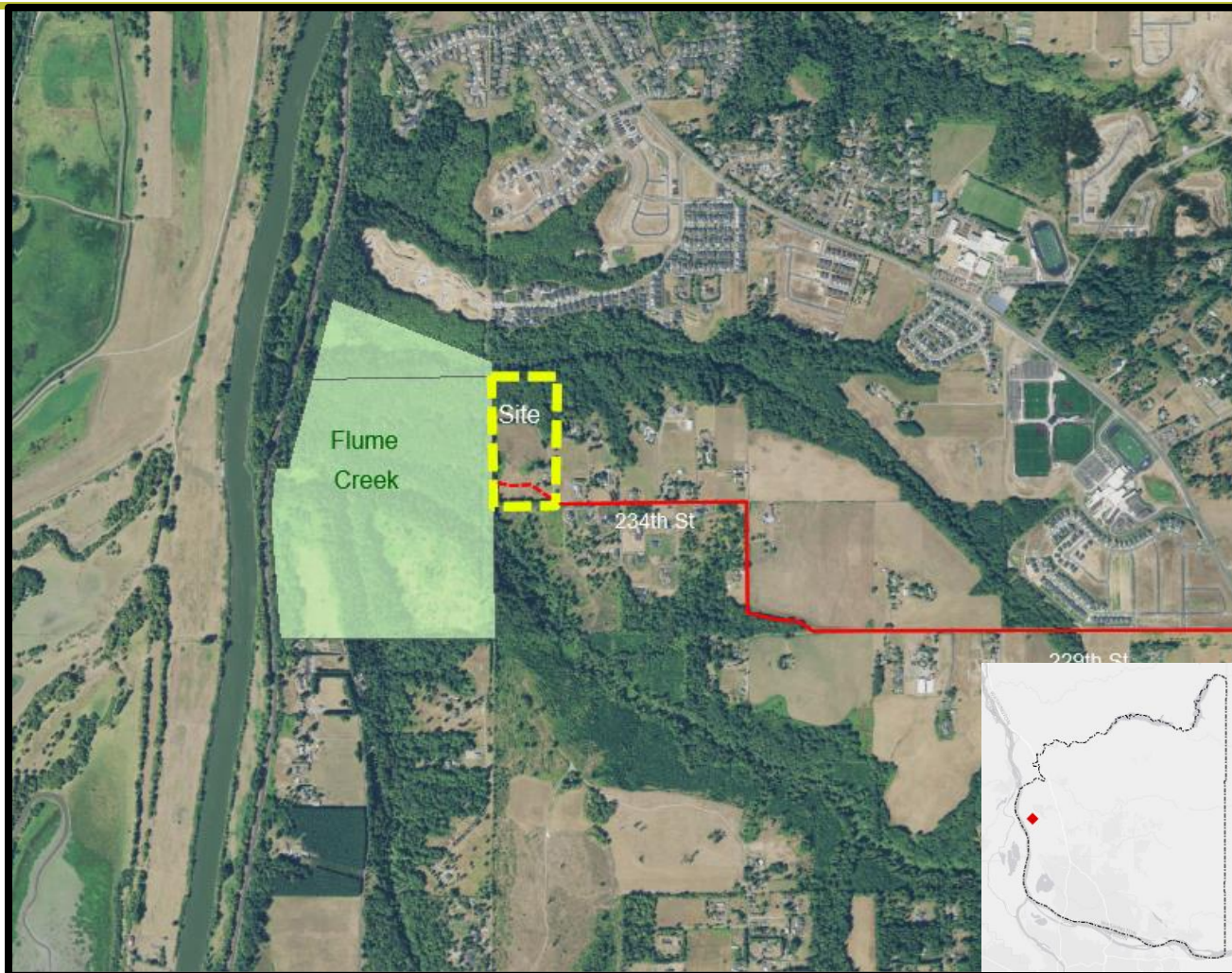
Middle Salmon & Lower Salmon Farm Preservation



Request: 750,000 Sponsor: County



Flume Creek Access



Request: \$662,482 Sponsor: County



Ridgefield Schools to Flume Creek Trail

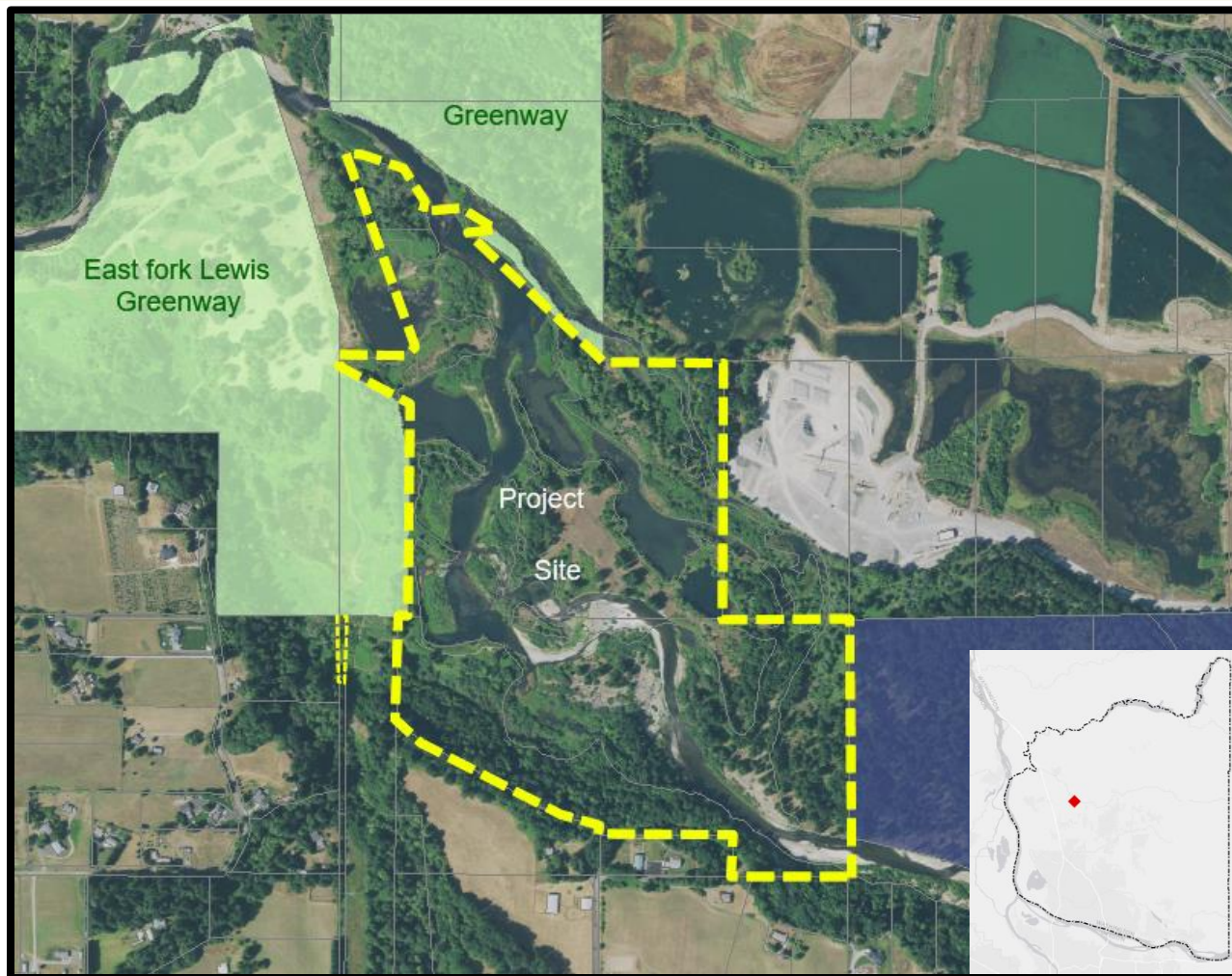


Request: \$662,482

Sponsor: County or City of Ridgefield



Ridgefield Pits



Request: \$500,000

Sponsor: County



Questions?

