



Office of Farmland Preservation

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2018 County Conservation Futures Report

As of February 2018

Conservation Futures is a local county program that protects, preserves, maintains, improves, restores, and limits the future use of threatened areas of open space, timberlands, wetlands, habitat areas, culturally significant sites, and agricultural farmlands. Conservation Futures funds, acquired through a property levy, are used to purchase the land or the rights to future development of the land.

The state Legislature first granted the authority for a Conservation Futures tax levy in 1971 (RCW 84.34). RCW 84.34.230 provides authority to a county to levy an amount not more than 6.25-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of all taxable property for the Conservation Futures Program.

In the counties that utilize the levy, funds are generally used to preserve land of public interest for future generations and are encouraged to use some conservation futures as one tool for salmon preservation purposes. 15% of the Conservation Futures fund may be used for the maintenance and operation of any property acquired with conservation futures funds.

In Washington, 13 of the 39 counties have a conservation futures levy.

<u>County</u>	<u>2017 Collections</u>	<u>2018 Collections</u>	<u>% change from 2017</u>
Clark	\$2,416,356	\$2,471,200	2.3%
Ferry	\$38,512	\$39,410	2.3%
Island	\$720,165	\$728,524	1.2%
Jefferson	\$233,270	\$238,769	2.4%
King	\$17,993,175	\$18,586,293	3.3%
Kitsap	\$1,362,741	\$1,397,479	2.5%
Pierce	\$4,351,487	\$4,489,818	3.2%
San Juan	\$308,171	\$314,614	2.1%
Skagit	\$880,311	\$902,572	2.5%
Snohomish	\$3,775,768	\$3,865,158	2.4%
Spokane	\$1,859,438	\$1,910,049	2.7%
Thurston	\$1,329,848	\$1,360,660	2.3%
Whatcom	\$1,067,876	\$1,108,309	3.8%
TOTAL	\$36,337,118	\$37,412,855	3.0%