

2019 Jefferson County Conservation Futures Program Property Acquisition and/or Operations and Maintenance Project Application

Please complete the following application in its entirety. Be sure to answer "N/A" for questions that don't apply to the project. Incomplete applications will not be accepted for consideration.
Unless directed otherwise, use as much space as needed to answer each question.
Contact program staff at 379-4498 or tpokorny@co.jefferson.wa.us with questions.

Background and Eligibility Information

1. Project Title: 2019 QWC Addition

2. Conservation Futures Acquisition Request: \$26,700

Conservation Futures O&M Request: \$1,500

3. Total Conservation Futures Request: \$28,200

4. Please indicate the type of interest contemplated in the acquisition process.

Warranty Deed Easement Other (Please describe below.)

In whose name will the property title be held after acquisition?

Jefferson Land Trust will hold title to the property purchased with CFF funds and the donated land used as match.

5. Applicant Information

Organization Name: Jefferson Land Trust

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6. Sponsor Information: (if different than applicant) _____

Organization Name: _____

Contact: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____, ext. ____ Fax: (____) ____ - _____, ext. ____

Email: _____

This application was approved by the sponsor's legally responsible body (e.g., board, council, etc.) on February 19, 2019.

7. Site Location

Street Address or Description of Location:

Lots 4, 5, & 6 in Block 9 of the Fowler’s Park Plat in Port Townsend – to be purchased with CFF funds
Montana Add'n. Block 5, Lots 2, 4, 6, 8 – land donation as match

Driving Directions from Port Townsend:

Fowler’s Park Add’n: Accessible off of Cook Avenue by a dirt road on the City's Linden and Lenore
Street rights-of-way

Section: 33

Township: 31N

Range: 1W

Montana Add’n: West of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. North of 49th Street between Sheridan and
Grant Streets

Section: 34

Township: 31N

Range: 1W

Assessor’s Parcel Number(s): Gressley: 951 900 902
Jones: 972 900 501

Please differentiate current and proposed ownership of each APN and indicate if the parcel is to be acquired with CF funds or used as match.

Ruth Gressley parcels: To be purchased with CF funds and held by Jefferson Land Trust.
Anne Jones parcels: To be donated to the Land Trust and used as match for CFF.

Please list the assessed values for each property or APN, as applicable.

APN	AV	CF Funds	Land Donation Match value	Proposed Ownership
# 951900902	\$24,300	\$20,500		Land Trust
# 972900501	\$90,585		\$25,300	Land Trust

8. Existing Conditions

New Site: Yes No

Number of Parcels: 2 properties of 7 lots total

Addition to Existing Site: Yes No

Acres to Be Acquired: ~.8

Total Project Acreage (if different): 244.5 acres protected in Quimper Wildlife Corridor

160.5 acres owned/facilitated by Jefferson Land Trust in QWC

Current Zoning: Low Density Single-Family

Existing Structures/Facilities: Derelict tree platform on Gressley property

Any current covenants, easements or restrictions on land use: The Land Trust has spoken with all adjacent neighbors to the Jones property (parcel 972900501) and agreements have been made about fence lines and encroachment.

Current Use: Vacant lands

Waterfront (*name of body of water*): None, though Jones property contains wetlands that are part of North Beach Drainage Basin

Shoreline (*linear feet*): None

Owner Tidelands/Shorelands: None

9. Current Property Owner X is ___is not a willing seller.

Project Description

10. In 1,000 words or less, provide a summary description of the project, the match, overarching goal, and three top objectives. Include information about the physical characteristics of the site that is proposed for acquisition with Conservation Futures Program funds including: vegetation, topography, surrounding land use, and relationship to parks, trails, and open space. Describe the use planned for the site, any development plans after acquisition (including passive development), characteristics of the site which demonstrate that it is well-suited to the proposed use, and plans for any structures currently on the site. If applicable, describe how the site relates to the larger project, and whether the project has a plan, schedule and funding dedicated to its completion. Please also list any important milestones for the project or critical dates, e.g. grant deadlines. List the dates and explain their importance. Please attach a spreadsheet of the budget.

Jefferson Land Trust is applying once again to Jefferson County for preservation of additional priority lands within the Quimper Wildlife Corridor project area and Cappy's Woods. Collectively we have been working with Jefferson County, the City of Port Townsend and the community since 1996 to protect a ribbon of green across the Quimper Peninsula, connecting a series of wetlands, forests and floodplains that provide habitat for over 200 bird species, amphibians and mammals. The Quimper Wildlife Corridor provides diverse habitat for wildlife, including habitat for several Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife -designated species of concern. Most of this area of the City was platted into 50 x 100 lots in the 1880's and development pressure is high. More than 244 acres have been protected in the Wildlife Corridor, nearly completing the backbone of highest-priority habitat. We now have the opportunity to acquire lands from a willing seller, with match provided through a land donation, which will result in preservation of additional habitat and recreational values in the project area.

Acquisition of additional parcels in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor will protect high quality habitat and further the efforts to connect protected lands within the corridor with other important habitat areas that extend from the City into Jefferson County and across the Quimper Peninsula. The lands proposed for acquisition and provided as match include parcels identified as priority habitat to protect in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor Management Plan developed by the Land Trust in 2005, and adopted by the City of Port Townsend in 2008.

The Gressley property is a mixed-species second growth forest of variable density, with Douglas fir and red alder predominating, but includes madrone and western red cedar. The understory includes ocean spray, mahonia, salal, and sword fern. The Jones property is a forested wetland dominated by red alder and includes willow, Douglas fir and western red cedar. The understory is dense and includes salmonberry, red elderberry, sedges, sword fern, native blackberry and some noxious weeds. Topography of these sites is relatively level to gently sloped. Properties proposed for acquisition and match include wetland parcels that are adjacent to the City's North Beach Drainage corridor and Jefferson Land Trust preserves, and upland forested parcels that are adjacent to Land Trust preserves and build on the connection between Cook Avenue and Winona Wetland.

We are requesting CFF funding in the amount of \$28,200 to acquire parcels from a willing seller and remove a tree house platform (O&M), and will provide match for land acquisition and O&M in the amount of \$30,300 through a land donation and cash contribution (see budget table below). The parcels being donated are indicated in the above table. The QWC project area has been stewarded and monitored by Jefferson Land Trust for over 20 years. New parcels will be included in the annual monitoring and stewardship activities by Jefferson Land Trust staff and Preserve stewards upon permanent protection. We are including an O&M request \$1,500 for stewardship activities and annual monitoring.

As required by Jefferson County Futures Program, Jefferson Land Trust will include restrictive language in the deeds to the preserves that ensure conservation in perpetuity.

The three top objectives for this project are:

- 1) Acquire high priority properties from the willing seller
- 2) Utilize donated parcels as match
- 3) Permanently protect the properties as wild open space

Milestones:

- Update landowner on project progress in spring 2019
- Acquire properties in fall 2019

11. Estimate costs below, including the estimated or appraised value of the propert(ies) or property right(s) to be acquired, even if Conservation Futures funds will only cover a portion of the total project cost. In the case of projects involving multiple acquisitions, please break out appraisals and estimated acquisition costs by parcel.

Estimated or Appraised Value of Propert(ies) to be Acquired:

Gressley property appraised at: \$20,500

Jones property assessed at: \$90,000, but we are currently verifying the value through an appraisal and contributing \$25,300 for land donation match.

Total Estimated Acquisition-related Cost (see Conservation Futures Manual for eligible costs): \$6,200

Total Operation and Maintenance Cost: \$6,500

Total Project Cost: \$58,500

Basis for Estimates (include information about how the property value(s) was determined, anticipated acquisition-related costs, general description of operation and maintenance work to be performed, task list with itemized budget, and anticipated schedule for completion of work):

Project related costs and O&M	Timeline	Est. Cost/value	CFF request	Donation
Land to be purchased with CFF	Fall 2019	\$20,500	\$20,500	
Land to be donated as match for acquisition	April 2019	\$25,300		\$25,300
Land acquisition related costs: title closing taxes, etc.	At closing	\$3,500	\$3,500	
Project Management, Admin and legal fees		\$2,700	\$2,700	
O&M (from CFF)		\$1,500	\$1,500	
O&M (cash donation)		\$5,000		\$5,000
Total		\$58,500	\$28,200	\$30,300

Scored Questions

1 a. Sponsor or other organizations X will ___ will not contribute to acquisition of proposed site and/or operation and maintenance activities.

1 b. If applicable, please describe below how contributions from groups or agencies will reduce the need to use Conservation Futures program funds.

1 c. Matching Fund Estimate	Acquisition	O&M	%
Conservation Futures Funds Requested	<u>\$26,700</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>48%</u>
Matching Funds/Resources*	<u>\$25,300</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>52%</u>
Total Project Acquisition Cost	<u>\$52,000</u>	<u>\$6,500</u>	<u>100%</u>

*** If a prior acquisition is being proposed as match, please describe and provide documentation of value, location, date of acquisition and other information that would directly link the match to the property being considered for acquisition.**

1 d. Source of matching funds/resources	Amount of contribution	Contribution approved?		If not, when?	Contribution available now?		If not, when?
<u>Land Donation</u>	\$25,300	<u>Yes</u>	No	_____	<u>Yes</u>	No	_____
<u>Cash Donation</u>	\$5,000	<u>Yes</u>	No	_____	<u>Yes</u>	No	_____
_____	\$_____	Yes	No	_____	Yes	No	_____
_____	\$_____	Yes	No	_____	Yes	No	_____

NOTE: Matching funds are strongly recommended and a higher rating will be assigned to those projects that guarantee additional resources for acquisition. Donation of property or a property right will be considered as a matching resource. Donation of resources for on-going maintenance or stewardship (“in-kind” contributions) are not eligible as a match.

2 a. Sponsoring agency X is ___ is not prepared to provide long-term stewardship (easement monitoring, maintenance, up-keep, etc.) for the proposed project site.

2 b. Describe any existing programs or future plans for stewardship of the property, including the nature and extent of the commitment of resources to carry out the stewardship plan.

Jefferson Land Trust will conduct stewardship and monitoring of the conservation easement terms, including at least annual monitoring of the property by professional staff and trained volunteers, extensive data collection and management, help with stewardship, enhancement and restoration goals and legal defense of the conservation easements should it become necessary. Jefferson Land Trust has a legal defense fund of over \$700,000, and continues to build this fund with each new easement acquisition, recognizing the legal obligation and responsibility of protecting conservation values in perpetuity. In addition, Jefferson Land Trust carries legal defense insurance for conservation easements through a program called Terrafirma, developed through the national Land Trust Alliance (the national umbrella organization for land trusts). This program covers up to \$500,000 in legal enforcement costs per conservation easement that Jefferson Land Trust holds and stewards.

Jefferson Land Trust fulfills its permanent conservation obligation in several ways, including through regular site visits, on-the-ground stewardship, record keeping, and communication with neighbors. Monitoring will be conducted regularly to ensure site objectives are being achieved. The following types of monitoring will be conducted at this site:

Annual Site Monitoring - This monitoring includes inspecting boundaries and management zones to ensure trespass is not occurring on Jefferson Land Trust property and/or any other prohibited uses of the site are occurring.

Annual Local Land Use Change Monitoring - This will help to identify any potential direct or indirect impacts to the integrity of the site, including hydrologic function. This monitoring will occur through incidental observations during annual monitoring or other site activities within the vicinity of the site.

Access Monitoring -This will help to identify any current or potential future impacts to site related to changes in Preserve access by members of the public. This monitoring will occur through observations of perceived impacts and estimations of frequency of visitors observed during monitoring visits.

Habitat and Wildlife Observations - Habitat and wildlife observations will generally be conducted incidentally while on site. This effort will involve recording wildlife observations, tracks or other sign in monitoring reports. In order to determine species composition and utilization of habitat, other non-invasive methods may be employed, such as wildlife cameras, which can be helpful in detecting use by more reclusive or nocturnal species. Other tools could include scat or hair analysis or species specific surveys.

The history of Land Trust stewardship of Quimper Wildlife Corridor lands owned by the City of Port Townsend has been to conduct quarterly site monitoring visits by staff and volunteer Preserve Stewards. The same standards for Land Trust owned property monitoring is used for monitoring of city- and county-owned QWC properties. In previous Conservation Futures projects, the Land Trust has had an agreement to conduct stewardship for 10 years after transfer to the city. In this proposal, Jefferson Land Trust has chosen to retain ownership of the Gressley and Jones parcels rather than transfer them to the City of Port Townsend. When the Land Trust owns property, stewardship and annual site monitoring is maintained in perpetuity.

3 a. Describe the sponsoring agency’s previous or on-going stewardship experience.

In addition to the above question, the Land Trust was founded in 1999 and is a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to preserving the rural character and iconic landscapes of the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State. With a mission of "helping the community preserve open space, working lands, and habitat forever", we are actively engaged in preserving a sustainable environment where the needs of human communities and the natural world are in balance, and actively steward more than 17,000 acres of our region’s most important places. We are accredited by the national Land Trust Alliance, and our efforts are guided by a long range Conservation Plan completed with our community in 2010. Collaboration is at the heart of our approach to conservation. We engage with partners in the “Chumsortium” to bring back vibrant salmon runs on Hood Canal, and in the Jefferson LandWorks Collaborative to support big-picture thinking around the ongoing economic viability of local farms and working forests. We partner with regional government, local and national agencies, Tribes, peer organizations, and individual citizens to safeguard the places we love and that are crucial to the health of our community, now and into the future.

3 b. Has the sponsor and/or applicant of this project been involved in other projects previously approved for Conservation Futures funding?

No, neither the sponsor nor applicant has been involved in a project previously approved for Conservation Futures funds.

Yes, the sponsor and/or applicant for this project has been involved in a project previously approved for Conservation Futures funds. Please provide details:

As the only local land preservation organization, Jefferson Land Trust has sponsored many applications on behalf of private landowners interested in preserving their property through sale of a conservation

easement, or as an applicant and sponsor for fee interest purchase of properties from willing sellers. These projects include:

Sunfield Farm, 2003; Quimper Wildlife Corridor, 2004; East Tarboo Creek Conservation Project, 2005; Tamanowas Rock Phase 1, 2006; the Winona Buffer Project, 2006; Glendale Farm, 2007; Finnriver Farm, 2008; Quimper Wildlife Corridor, 2009; Brown Dairy, 2009; Salmon Creek Ruck 2010; Quimper Wildlife Corridor 2010; Tamanowas Rock 2010; Chimacum Creek Carleson 2011; Winona Basin - Bloedel 2011; L. Brown 2012; Boulton Farm 2012; Quimper Wildlife Corridor and Short Family Farm 2013; Quimper Wildlife Corridor and Snow Creek Irvin and Jenks, 2014; Midori Farm, 2015; QWC 2016 Addition, Tarboo Creek, Farm and Forest 2016; Serendipity Farm, Snow Creek Taylor and Tarboo Iglitzin 2017; Chimacum Forest, Marrowstone Mize, Ruby Ranch and Snow Creek Mid-Reach Forest 2018.

4 a. Property can cannot feasibly be acquired in a timely fashion with available resources.

4 b. Necessary commitments and agreements are are not in place.

4 c. All parties are are not in agreement on the cost of acquisition.

If “not” to any of the above, please explain below.

5. The proposed acquisition is specifically identified in an adopted open space, conservation, or resource preservation program or plan, or community conservation effort. *Please describe below, including the site’s importance to the plan. Please reference the website of the plan if available or include the plan with this application.*

complements an adopted open space or conservation plan, but is not specifically identified. *Please describe below, and describe how the proposed acquisition is consistent with the plan.*

is a stand-alone project.

The properties identified for acquisition were indicated in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor Management Plan that was adopted by the City of Port Townsend on May 19, 2008, Ordinance 2967. This management plan is available at the City’s website, <http://weblink.cityofpt.us/weblink/0/edoc/113226/Quimper%20Wildlife%20Corridor%20Management%20Plan.pdf>.

Additional Cappy’s Woods parcels are buffer lands to trail corridors that have been identified as important recreational priorities for the City of Port Townsend, as adopted in City Resolution No. 09-034.

Additionally, the updated Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan states Policy OS-P-1.2, *Partner to establish and conserve a sustainable system of open space corridors or separators to provide definition between natural areas and urban land uses.* The Land Trust, the City of Port Townsend, Jefferson County, state agencies, the local Audubon and Native Plant Society Chapter, and US Fish & Wildlife have been partnering on the project since the mid 1990’s. These parcels have been identified in the acquisition priorities of the project since the beginning due to the wetland, floodplain, buffer and upland forest values. Expanding forest and habitat connectivity is a primary value of protecting these properties.

In addition, Jefferson Land Trust's Conservation Plan (2010)—prepared with the input of many community members—specifically identifies the Quimper Wildlife Corridor as a priority. The plan is located on the JLT website at <https://saveland.org/our-story/conservation-vision/>.

6. Conservation Opportunity or Threat:

6 a. The proposed acquisition site does does not provide a conservation or preservation opportunity which would otherwise be lost or threatened.

6 b. If applicable, please carefully describe the nature and immediacy of the opportunity or threat, and any unique qualities about the site.

Two different landowners are willing to sell or donate their properties for preservation of habitat and recreational purposes for this project. The immediacy of the acquisition is necessary because the landowner who is willing to sell is eager to sell her property soon. If Conservation Futures funding is not secured this year, she will put her property on the open market. The other landowner who is willing to donate her property is also eager for this donation to take place, but has stated that she needs it to be finalized within 2019.

7. Summarize the project's conservation values and how the CF funds requested support these values.

Conservation values of extending the Quimper Wildlife Corridor include protecting diverse second growth forest, providing habitat to resident and migratory wildlife, and expanding the buffer size of six priority wetlands along a 100-year floodplain. These wetlands provide a natural filter to urban stormwater, and protect the water quality in local aquifers and runoff into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The primary conservation value of the parcel to be purchased is enhancing the continuity of the existing protected wildlife corridor.

The matching donation land is primarily comprised of a Category II wetland with high habitat value. It is identified by the WDFW as 'Freshwater Forested/Shrub Aquatic Priority Habitat'. This 0.45acre parcel is platted as four lots. Protection by the Land Trust would extinguish these development rights, ensuring permanent continuity with both existing Land Trust and City of Port Townsend protected areas to the east and north. In addition to the conservation values of extending the contiguous wildlife corridor and restricting wetland development, this property acquisition will keep wetland and drainage basin hydrology intact, which is especially important in the face of changing climate.

Conservation Futures Funds will make possible the acquisition of a fee simple property that aligns with the purpose of the CF Program to acquire green spaces and greenbelts. Jefferson County Conservation Futures Funds have been allocated to numerous land acquisitions in the QWC, and have been critical to the success of the project.

8. The proposed acquisition:

8 a. provides habitat for State of Washington Priority Habitat and/or State or Federal Threatened, Endangered or Sensitive species.

8 b. provides habitat for a variety of native flora or fauna species.

8 c. contributes to an existing or future wildlife corridor or migration route.

If affirmative in any of the above, please describe and list the Priority Habitat(s) and Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive species below, and cite or provide documentation of species' use.¹

The Quimper Wildlife Corridor provides critical habitat in an area of increasing urban development and is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna, from the humble rough-skinned newt and Calypso orchid to nearly 200 bird species and numerous small and large mammals. Protection Island, located just offshore of the western end of the corridor, is a National Wildlife Refuge and home to nearly seventy percent of the seabirds that nest and breed in all of Puget Sound. Washington Department of Wildlife and the local Audubon Society have identified several state priority species in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor that are sensitive, threatened or listed. These include: Bald eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Wood duck, Great Blue Heron, Pileated Woodpecker, Band-Tailed Pigeon, Merlin, Olive Sided Flycatcher, black tailed deer, and bobcat. The corridor will allow these species and others the safety of cover to move between wetlands, forest ecosystems, and marine shoreline environments.

8 d. Does the current owner participate in conservation programs that enhance wildlife habitat? If so, please provide details.

The current owner has not participated in conservation programs that enhance wildlife habitat.

9. Describe to what degree the project protects habitat for anadromous fish species (for example: marine shorelines, stream/river corridors including meander zones, and riparian buffers). Please provide documentation and maps that demonstrate the location, quality and extent of the existing buffer and adjoining habitat.

The two properties do not directly protect habitat for anadromous fish species. However, protecting the water quality of the city's largest drainage basin through providing filtration and reducing siltation is important for water draining to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

10 a. Describe the extent and nature of current and planned agricultural use of the proposed acquisition, including any anticipated changes to that use once the property, or property right, is acquired with Conservation Futures funds.

None planned.

10 b. Describe the current owner's record of implementing management practices that preserves and/or enhances soil, water quality, watershed function and wildlife habitat on the farm.

No agricultural management practices have been implemented.

10 c. Describe how the acquisition or proposed easement will likely preserve and/or enhance soil, water quality, watershed function and wildlife habitat.

None associated with agricultural uses.

¹ See, for example, http://www.dnr.wa.gov/researchscience/topics/naturalheritage/pages/amp_nh.aspx
<http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/phs/list/>
<http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/plants.html>
http://www1.dnr.wa.gov/nhp/refdesk/pubs/wa_ecological_systems.pdf

11 a. Describe the extent and nature of current and planned silvicultural use of the proposed acquisition. Please cite or provide documentation of existing or planned silvicultural activities including forest management plan(s) or forest ecosystem restoration.

There is no current or planned silvicultural use of the proposed site. Given the sizes of the parcels, they do not offer the opportunity. Additionally, there is currently no need for forest management plans. But if forest restoration ever becomes necessary due to external factors such as climate change, actions could be taken to enhance forest health. These actions could include selective thinning and diversifying species through understory plantings, which would be taken in accordance with a developed forest management plan.

11 b. Describe the current owner's record of implementing management practices that preserves and /or enhances soil, water quality, watershed function and wildlife habitat.

None have been implemented.

11 c. Describe how the property acquisition or proposed easement will likely preserve and/or enhance soil, water quality, watershed function and wildlife habitat.

As described above, The Land Trust's acquisition of the proposed property will enhance the listed functions through expanding the existing wildlife corridor and crucial wetland buffer zone of the greater Quimper Wildlife Corridor. The property to be used as the funding match is predominantly a Category II wetland which provides high habitat value.

12 a. Describe how the proposed acquisition benefits primarily a local area broad county area including the area served, the nature of the benefit, the jurisdictions involved, and the populations served.

Protection of the diverse second growth forest and wetland, buffer and floodplain habitats of the QWC provides particular benefits to local residents in that it provides storm-water filtration and floodplain retention. In general, however, protection of the Quimper Wildlife Corridor habitats and Cappy's Woods provides benefits not only to residents of Port Townsend and surrounding county areas, but also to the many visitors to our area. The corridor is used extensively for passive recreation by the community and visitors who enjoy walking the trails, bike riding and horseback riding. The wetlands and forests of the corridor provide education opportunities for users of all ages, and are field classrooms for a wide range of people as described below. Field trips in the corridor are highlighted in continuing education courses offered to realtors from across the region, who visit this place to better understand wetland ecology. Bike trails in the corridor have been identified in a national mountain bike magazine. Locally, Jefferson Land Trust has conducted numerous tours to various parts of the corridor over the last 10 years as part of our ongoing community outreach efforts.

The project is bound to receive additional recognition as the Port Townsend area continues to grow.

12 b. Is the project located in an area that is under-represented by CF funded Projects? Areas that Conservation Futures has not been able to support to date include Marrowstone Island, Toandos Peninsula, Dosewallips Valley, Bolton Peninsula, and the West End.

No.

13. Describe the educational or interpretive opportunities that exist for providing public access, educational or interpretive displays (signage, kiosks, etc.) on the proposed site, including any plans to provide those improvements and any plans for public accessibility.²

The Quimper Wildlife Corridor is increasingly utilized by numerous schools and community groups for educational purposes, including by school groups of all ages from the Port Townsend School District, the Swan School, CedarRoot Folk School, Jefferson Land Trust Natural History Society, Native Plant Society walks, Master Gardener training, Audubon walks and annual Christmas bird counts, plus countless others. The Land Trust has developed a Preserve Steward program, which provides an opportunity for long-term, committed volunteerism. It includes quarterly monitoring of all Land Trust preserves (including QWC) and an opportunity for interested citizens to create an intimate relationship with the land. Dozens of residents have participated in naturalist-led walks conducted by Jefferson Land Trust. Community members volunteer annually to help with stewardship activities in the corridor. Jefferson Land Trust has also created two interpretive displays that provide visitors to the corridor an understanding of the function of the corridor, as well directing people away from the more sensitive habitat areas. Visitors can now rest on several benches built by Land Trust volunteers that are in strategic locations in the QWC. Volunteers contributed approximately 45 hours last year alone on projects to assess habitat health and needs, remove trash, manage noxious weeds, and monitor Land Trust and City-owned properties alike to ensure that conservation values are maintained over time.

14. The proposed acquisition __ includes historic or culturally significant resources³ and

__ is registered with the National Register of Historic Places, or an equivalent program.

__ is recognized locally as having historic or cultural resources.

__ is adjacent to and provides a buffer for a historic or cultural site.

If affirmative in any of the above, please describe below, and cite or provide documentation of the historical or cultural resources.

Not applicable to this site.

² The words “education” and “interpretation” are interpreted broadly by the CF Committee.

³ Cultural resources means archeological and historic sites and artifacts, and traditional religious ceremonial and social uses and activities of affected Indian Tribes and mandatory protections of resources under chapters 27.44 and 27.53 RCW

Verification

15. Sponsors of applications that are approved for funding by the Board of County Commissioners are required to submit a brief progress report by October 30 every year for three years after the award is approved, or three years after the acquisition funds are disbursed to the applicant, whichever is later. The progress report must address any changes in the project focus or purpose, progress in obtaining matching funding, and stewardship and maintenance. Sponsors receiving O&M funds will also submit an annual report for each year that O&M funds are expended. The Committee will use the information to develop a project “report card” that will be submitted annually to the Board of County Commissioners.

If this application is approved for funding, I understand the sponsor is required to submit progress reports for three years and for any year in which O&M funds are expended.

_____ Initials _____ Date

16. If, three years after the date funding is approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the applicants have not obtained the required matching funds, the Committee may request the Board of County Commissioners to nullify their approval of funds, and may require the project to re-apply.

If this application is approved for funding, I understand that we may be required to re-submit the application if the project sponsor does not obtain the necessary matching funding within three years. _____ -

_____ Initials _____ Date