

Project Title: Funding to perform Maintenance and Operations (M&O) on 11 CFF Parks for two years

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Project Locations: The 11 Parks listed below were either fully or partially purchased with CFF and are eligible for M&O funds.

ALA SPIT*
DOUBLE BLUFF*
DRY LAKE TRAIL HEAD 1 AND 2
ENGLISH BOOM 1* AND 2
4 SPRINGS*
IVERSON PRESERVE*
KETTLES*
SARATOGA WOODS*
UTSLADY UPLANDS
SWANTOWN LAKE
CAMANO RIDGE ADDITION*

*Parks Properties that are developed, undergoing development, restoration and upgrading.

Owner: Island County Parks/ Public Works

Proposed Budget for M&O Funding 2017 and 2018

- 11 CFF eligible Parks ,and hour breakdown per agreement attachment A
- Time Period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018
- Estimated hours per year: **1892**
- Average Hourly rate at \$ 33.84 HR equal to \$64,025.28 per year
- Funding for two years of M&O will be **128,050.56**

Project Description: The funds will pay for the maintenance and operations of 11 CFF purchased properties for two years to include:

1. Parks hardscape/ bathrooms, parking lots, water and power systems, fencing, signage, kiosks, picnic shelters, playgrounds, docks, and boat ramps.
2. Parks softscape/ lawns, trees, scrubs, mowing, trimming, pruning, pest control, fertilization, and horticulture.
3. Equipment maintenance including trucks, trailers, tractors mowers, 2 and 4 cycle equipment, power and hand tools, consumables, oil and gas.
4. Parks projects, renovations, upgrades, both hard and softscape.
5. Working with volunteers and community groups.

CONSERVATION FUTURES CRITERIA 2017 MAINTAINCE AND OPERATIONS

A. ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY:

The M&O funds will fund labor that will help reduce or eliminate ecological and invasive species, imminent threats, remove debris and trash and preserve existing flora and grasses.

B. Hazard or Liability:

Increased M&O at these parks will allow an increase in the presence of staff, which can assess the safety and liability for parks users, thereby reacting more quickly to eliminate any hazard or potential liability and mitigate risk to the County.

C. Special Status: N/A

D. Habitat Values not previously covered: N/A

E. Public Access:

Eleven Island County Parks and or properties were funded, or partially funded by Conservation Futures Funds. They are all open to the public; additional M&O funding will allow staff to visit parks more frequently to perform necessary maintenance to ensure safe and viable public access by keeping trails open, parking lots clear and grass mowed.

F. Management Plan: N/A

G. Supported by Community Plans: N/A

H. Existing Infrastructure

Island County Parks has had to practice deferred maintenance in all of its parks including those purchased with CFF funds since the economic downturn of 2008. Staffing levels are starting to recover and these CFF funds will be dedicated entirely to performing deferred maintenance and postponed projects in CFF parks since 2008.

I. Develops Infrastructure

Island County Parks is always seeking to develop, improve and upgrade its infrastructure. We currently have two parks: Double Bluff and Camano Ridge that are scheduled for major projects due to start in 2017 and 2018. There are smaller projects at 4 Springs Preserve, Saratoga Woods and Iverson Preserve that are also in the early planning stages. Additional funds will dedicate staff to bring these projects closer to a successful conclusion.

J. Long Term Viability

In terms of viability the projects that we are currently planning are of the type that improves and enhances Conservation Futures Funded properties. The projects that are being planned include parking lots, fencing, drainage and hardscape improvements that are of a nature that can be reasonably managed, and will have long term viability.

K. Other Resources

Island County Parks has working relationships with Volunteer Groups, including the County Adopt a Park Program, FETCH, and FOCIP. In addition, Island County Public Works and the Island County Roads Department have continued to support the Parks Department in the construction and sometimes maintenance of infrastructure projects.

L. Public Ownership

All of the Conservation Futures Funded Parks are owned in Fee Simple public ownership.

