

**2019-2020 Conservation Futures – M&O Application
Island County Parks**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

1. Property Name: These parks are maintained by Parks staff and are eligible for M&O funds: Ala Spit, Barnum Point, Camano Ridge, Double Bluff, Dry Lake Trail Head, English Boom, Four Springs Lake Preserve, Iverson Preserve, Saratoga Woods, Swantown Lake and Utslady.
 3. Address of Property and directions: Whidbey and Camano Islands
 4. Tax Parcel Number(s): _____
 5. Acres or Square Feet of Property: 901 acres
 6. Percentage of Property affected by Project: 100%
 7. Year Conservation Futures funds awarded: 2017/18 Amount: \$64,000 per year
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REQUEST SUMMARY – **\$200,000:** \$100,000 for 2019 and \$100,000 for 2020.

1. Parks Maintenance SWB	\$75,000
2. Barnum Point	
ADA Trails and Platforms	\$40,000
Holly Removal/Restoration	\$40,000
Vista Platforms	\$20,000
Kiosks	\$10,000
Trail Signs	\$10,000
Benches	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
	\$200,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The goal of this plan is to not only to maintain and operate the CFF parks, but to enhance the public's access and experience at the properties through capital projects, specifically at Barnum Point.

Barnum Point has now expanded to 165 acres with the most recent 40 acre Holly Farm acquisition to the northern boundary. Multiple projects are necessary to be completed to provide ADA access trails and platforms, place signs, kiosks, benches and eradicate noxious weeds and Holly trees.

Parks Maintenance: \$75,000

Parks spent an average of \$47,000 on M&O for the CFF parks in 2017 and 2018. Some parks required more staff hours to perform M&O such as Iverson, Four Springs, Barnum Point, Double Bluff, and Ala Spit. With the addition of two 8-month Technicians working on the CFF parks, we anticipate and increase in maintenance costs of \$28,000.

ADA Trails and Platforms: \$40,000

The new parking lot on the Northeast corner of the park will have ADA parking. From that parking lot, there is a possibility of three ADA trails to construct. One trail heading north to the pond on the old Holly Farm, one to the road that leads to the beach, and one that leads to the new boardwalk into the forest. Each trail end can have a platform constructed to elevate the user for a better view.

Holly removal and land restoration: \$40,000

There are over 700 Holly trees on the old Holly Farm that need removal due to the land use encumbrance and to halt the spread of the invasive tree to the rest of the park. This takes the use of heavy equipment, a chipper, and with many hours of labor. Once all the trees are removed, then the land will then need to be seeded until a restoration and implementation plan is in place.

Vista Platforms: \$20,000

There are several key Vistas around the property and with the help of FOCIP; the plan is to install two weather resistant platforms. This funding will buy the materials and FOCIP or other volunteers will provide the labor to construct.

Kiosks and signage: \$10,000

Four Kiosks will need to be installed at the north parking lot, southeast beach access, northwest uplands, and southwest beach access to display trails and explain the rules to visitors. The requested funds will cover staff time for creation and installation of signage.

Trail Signs: \$10,000

Smaller trail location signs will be installed throughout the park along with educational signs concerning the flora and wildlife. Beach vistas will have interpretive signs with information on Port Susan Bay and the sea life. The requested funds will cover staff time for purchase and installation of signage.

Benches: \$5,000

Ten weather resistance benches will be purchased and installed throughout the park. The requested funds will cover the purchase staff time for installation.

All of these projects are important in making the CFF Parks and Barnum Point a safe and welcoming experience. Activities will be leveraged with community volunteer support and is essential for the continued stewardship of the property.

ATTACHMENT B

ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET

ISLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION FUTURES FUND

PROPOSED PROJECT APPLICATION

PROJECT NAME =	Island County Parks M&O		YEAR 2019	
	Category	CFF	Other Funding Sources	Total Funding
Planning				
	Salaries and Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Consultants/Sub-Contracting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Goods and Services*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Travel & Per Diem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Maintenance and Operations				
	Salaries and Benefits	\$75,000 -	\$ -	\$ -
	Consultants/Sub-Contracting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Goods and Services*	\$125,000 -	\$ -	\$ -
	Travel & Per Diem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Maintenance /	\$200,000 -	\$ -	\$ -
Management & Administration				
	Salaries and Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Consultants/Sub-Contracting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Goods and Services*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Travel & Per Diem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Management & Admin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment				
	Technology Capital Items*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Technology Supplies*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Equipment*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Total Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Property Acquisition				
	Land Purchase	\$	\$	\$
	Other Acquisition Costs	\$	\$	\$
	Total Acquisition Value	\$	\$	\$
	Land Value Donation	\$	\$	\$
	Total Budget	\$ 200,000	\$	\$

* For all line items listed with "**", please provided an attached detailed list of items and costs

Budget Details

- Parks Maintenance - \$75,000
 - Staff time to performance and operations
- Barnum Point - \$125,000
 - \$40,000 ADA Trails and platforms
 - \$40,000 Holly removal and land restoration
 - \$20,000 Vista platforms
 - \$10,000 Kiosks
 - \$10,000 Trail signs

- \$5,000 Benches

SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES

A. Ecological Integrity

More visits by staff to conduct debris removal will keep potential hazardous material out of the parks. Creating an ADA trail system and signage at Barnum Point that directs visitors to appropriate locations ensures that the surrounding forest and wildlife habitat remains intact. Removal of the holly trees will help stop the spread of the invasive tree throughout the rest of the park.

B. Hazard of Liability

Parks has always put safety first in order to protect employees and park users; this is our most important goal. With these Funds, Parks can maintain its parks at a higher standard by frequent visits to identify potential hazards more quickly in order to eliminate potential liability.

C. Special Status

Barnum consists of riparian forest and approximately 1.5 miles of tidelands that are accessible to the public. The forest is intact and undisturbed with limited trails.

D. Habitat Values not previously covered

Providing new recreational opportunities will invite new users to enjoy the site and create an interested community group to help with the stewardship of the property, including the removal of invasive plant species on the site. FOCIP is already a supporter and participant in its conservation.

E. Public Access

The increase in parks staff with the addition of two 8 month Technicians will allow for some much needed improvements to be made that have been deferred since the 2008 recession, thus improving public access. Also, the construction of ADA trails, informational kiosks, and appropriate signage leading to the tidelands at Barnum Point will greatly improve the user's experience.

F. Management Plan

A management plan is being reviewed and revised at this time.

G. Supported by Community Plans

These projects are supported by the Island County Parks and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan and Barnum Point Management Plans.

H. Existing Infrastructure

Island County Parks has had to practice deferred maintenance in all of its parks including those purchased with Conservation Futures Funds since the recession in 2008. Staffing levels have recovered for the 2019 and 2020 seasons. The opportunity to partially fund two new employees means that deferred maintenance projects can be started and existing infrastructure can be better preserved through maintenance.

I. Develops Infrastructure

Island County Parks is always seeking to develop, improve and upgrade its infrastructure. Barnum Point has one major project due to start in March 2019, with several other projects listed in this application. This park is the major focus of development for 2018 and 2019 since its completed acquisition and target opening in April 2019. There are smaller projects at Four Springs, and Iverson Preserve that are also in the planning stages. Continuing Conservation Futures funds support will help to bring these projects closer to a successful conclusion.

J. Long Term Viability

In terms of viability the projects that are currently planned, are park upgrades to the infrastructure, or capital improvements which enhance CFF properties. The projects also include parking, fencing, drainage and hardscape improvements that are of a nature that can be reasonably managed, and will have long term viability

K. Other Resources

Volunteer labor will be used for the following activities:

- Trail construction
- Debris clean-up
- Sign installation
- Volunteer hours estimate: 250 hours
- On-going stewardship

L. Public Ownership

All County CFF properties are owned in Fee Simple by Island County Parks.

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Island County Public Works



