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Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program Seeks Applicants for Advisory Board

Those passionate about land preservation are encouraged to apply

Snohomish County, Wash., March 6, 2023 — Snohomish [County Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board \(CFPAB\)](#) has one vacancy and is seeking applicants. The open position is an at-large position and generally represents habitat priorities for consideration during board deliberations. The board makes recommendations to the Snohomish County Council related to distribution of the Conservation Futures Fund, as well as other actions. The position is open until filled.

How to Apply

Instructions and the application can be found on the [Snohomish County Boards and Commissions webpage](#). Applicants are encouraged to review the information on the webpage and consider attending a CFPAB meeting.

About the Board

The Snohomish County Conservation Futures Program was started in 1988 to distribute Conservation Futures Property Tax Funds as authorized by [RCW 84.34.230](#). The purpose of this funding is to acquire interests, or rights, in real property for the preservation of open space, farm and agricultural land, and timber land per SCC [4.14.010](#). These resources are available through the County's authority to levy up to six and one-quarter cents per thousand dollars on all taxable property within the County for the purpose of acquiring open space.

The CFPAB makes recommendations to the Snohomish County Council for projects to be funded as part of the Conservation Futures Program, develops strategic, long-range plans for the program, and makes recommendations on open space policy related to the Conservation Futures program. Recommendations from the CFPAB are forwarded to the Snohomish County Executive for transmittal to the County Council for final action. The CFPAB consists of the County Executive (or designee); two members of County Council; one elected official selected by all cities and towns whose population base, independently, is 10,000 or greater, one elected official selected by all cities and towns whose population base, independently, is less than 10,000, and two members representing citizens of Snohomish County. Board members serve four-year terms.

Since 1988 over \$80 million dollars has been expended to acquire land or easements throughout the county by Snohomish County, cities and towns and eligible nonprofit organizations, as allowed by state law.

Qualifications and Restrictions

Criteria used to evaluate potential nomination for a position of the CFPAB include:

- Community experience
- Agricultural and/or environmental experience
- Working with or having membership in one or more community-based nonprofit groups

- Experience with a public agency, operating public parks, preserving open space, preserving agricultural lands, and environmentally sensitive areas
- History of volunteerism
- Experience in marketing and promotion of parks, recreation, agriculture, and environmental conservation
- Extra skills that can be applied to assisting the Conservation Futures program

About Snohomish County Conservation and Natural Resources

The Snohomish County Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) includes the Division of Surface Water Management; the Division of Parks and Recreation; the Office of Energy and Sustainability and the Office of Agriculture. DCNR works in support of thriving communities; a clean and healthy environment to foster environmental stewardship; ensuring food security; supporting a green economy, and strengthening communities by providing regional parks and infrastructure; protecting the region's water, air, land and natural habitats; enhancing agriculture and recreation; and reducing flooding. <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/5758>.

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