



## Office of Farmland Preservation

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### 2019 County Conservation Futures Report

As of October 2019

In Washington, 13 counties have a conservation futures levy. The state Legislature created 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 a conservation futures program.

Funds can be used by the county or provided for in grants to protect, preserve, maintain, improve, restore, and limit the future use of threatened areas of open space, timberlands, wetlands, habitat areas, culturally significant sites, and agricultural farmlands. Conservation futures funds may be used to purchase any rights or interests in real property to preserve lands of public interest for future generations.

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 recreation and conservation purposes. By statute, up to 15% of the conservation futures revenue may be used for the maintenance and operation of any property acquired with conservation futures funds.

<u>County</u>	<u>2018 Collections</u>	<u>2019 Collections</u>	<u>2019 Levy Rate</u>	<u>% collections change from 2018</u>
Clark	\$2,471,200	\$2,544,175	.039	3.0%
Ferry	\$39,410	\$40,254	.062	2.1%
Island	\$728,524	\$736,365	.048	1.1%
Jefferson	\$238,769	\$243,708	.043	2.1%
King	\$18,586,293	\$19,947,910	.034	7.3%
Kitsap	\$1,397,479	\$1,425,934	.037	2.0%
Pierce	\$4,489,818	\$4,636,176	.040	3.3%
San Juan	\$314,614	\$320,720	.042	1.9%
Skagit	\$902,572	\$928,963	.047	2.9%
Snohomish	\$3,865,158	\$3,961,812	.029	2.5%
Spokane	\$1,910,049	\$2,088,820	.041	9.4%
Thurston	\$1,360,660	\$1,404,080	.040	3.2%
Whatcom	\$1,108,309	\$1,127,546	.038	1.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,412,855</b>	<b>\$39,406,463</b>		<b>5.3%</b>