



## Office of Farmland Preservation

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### 2016 County Conservation Futures Report

As of March 2016

Conservation Futures is a land preservation program that protects, preserves, maintains, improves, restores, and limits the future use of threatened areas of open space, timberlands, wetlands, habitat areas, culturally significant sites, and agricultural farmlands. Conservation Futures funds, acquired through a property levy, are used to purchase the land or the rights to future development of the land.

The state Legislature first granted the authority for a Conservation Futures tax levy in 1971 (RCW 84.34. RCW 84.34.230 provides that the county may levy an amount not to exceed 6.25-cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of all taxable property for the Conservation Futures Program. Washington State has thirteen counties that levy a conservation future tax.

Conservation Futures are a useful tool for counties to preserve land of public interest for future generations and are encouraged to use some conservation futures as one tool for salmon preservation purposes. 15% of the Conservation Futures fund may be used for the maintenance and operation of any property acquired with conservation futures funds.

In Washington, 13 of the 39 counties have a conservation futures levy.

<u>County</u>	<u>2015 Revenue</u>	<u>2016 Revenue</u>	<u>% change from 2015</u>	<u>2016 rate per \$1,000 assessed value</u>	<u>Program Info</u>
Clark	\$2,313,977	\$2,359,953	1.95%	\$0.0506	<a href="#">County Link</a>
Ferry	\$38,543	\$37,733	-2.15%	\$0.0625	
Island	\$691,590	\$695,003	0.49%	\$0.0571	<a href="#">County Link</a>
Jefferson	\$219,828	\$223,636	1.70%	\$0.0482	<a href="#">County Link</a>
King	\$16,949,906	\$17,471,132	2.98%	\$0.0475	<a href="#">County Link</a>
Kitsap	\$1,310,059	\$1,325,728	1.18%	\$0.0467	<a href="#">County Link</a>
Pierce	\$4,135,393	\$4,239,776	2.46%	\$0.0515	<a href="#">County Link</a>
San Juan	\$295,193	\$302,797	2.51%	\$0.0471	<a href="#">County Link</a>
Skagit	\$826,528	\$855,357	3.37%	\$0.0537	<a href="#">County Link</a>
Snohomish	\$3,584,016	\$3,680,835	2.63%	\$0.0383	<a href="#">County Link</a>
Spokane	\$1,795,193	\$1,822,226	1.48%	\$0.0452	<a href="#">County Link</a>
Thurston	\$1,259,473	\$1,293,253	2.61%	\$0.0463	<a href="#">County Link</a>
Whatcom	\$1,038,680	\$1,056,404	1.68%	\$0.0427	<a href="#">County Link</a>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,458,379</b>	<b>\$35,363,832</b>	<b>2.56%</b>		