



# Office of Farmland Preservation

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## 2020 County Conservation Futures Report

As of January 2021

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>2019 Collections</u>	<u>2020 Collections</u>	<u>% Change, Collections 2019-2020</u>	<u>2020 Levy Rate</u>	<u>Source: County Assessor</u>
Clark	\$2,544,175	\$2,610,183	2.6%	0.04	<a href="#">Clark County Assessor</a>
Ferry	\$40,254	\$41,947	4.2%	0.062	<a href="#">Ferry County Assessor</a>
Island	\$736,365	\$755,388	2.6%	0.04	<a href="#">Island County Assessor</a>
Jefferson	\$243,816	\$248,580	2.0%	0.046	<a href="#">Jefferson County Assessor</a>
King	\$19,947,910	\$20,528,596	2.9%	0.03	<a href="#">King County Assessor</a>
Kitsap	\$1,425,934	\$1,473,719	3.4%	0.03	<a href="#">Kitsap County Assessor</a>
Pierce	\$4,636,176	\$4,770,972	2.9%	0.03	<a href="#">Pierce County Assessor</a>
San Juan	\$320,720	\$327,681	2.2%	0.03	<a href="#">San Juan County Assessor</a>
Skagit	\$928,963	\$938,253	1.0%	0.04	<a href="#">Skagit County Assessor</a>
Snohomish	\$3,961,812	\$4,059,350	2.5%	0.02	<a href="#">Snohomish County Assessor</a>
Spokane	\$2,088,820	\$2,142,738	2.6%	0.03	<a href="#">Spokane County Assessor</a>
Thurston	\$1,404,080	\$1,438,974	2.5%	0.03	<a href="#">Thurston County Assessor</a>
Whatcom	\$1,127,546	\$1,148,380	1.8%	0.03	<a href="#">Whatcom County Assessor</a>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,406,571</b>	<b>\$40,484,761</b>	<b>2.7%</b>		

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