



# Capital Budget Proviso Report – Carbon Sequestration Forests

Whatcom County Council

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# Carbon Sequestration Forests Proviso

- **How did this happen?**  
The real story about the closed-door negotiations.
- **What does the proviso do?**  
Deciphering the proviso to understand it's intent.
- **What does this mean for your county?**  
The opportunities for Clallam County to get involved.

# Background

- Original proviso in Senate Operating Budget
- Negotiations among stakeholders
- Negotiated version adopted



## Proviso Details

- \$83 million
- Forestland purchases
- Silviculture
- Stakeholder discussions



## Funding Breakdown

- \$70 million for forestland purchases
- Up to 2,000 acres of preservation
- Replace existing encumbered state forestlands



# Funding Breakdown

- \$10 million for silviculture



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- \$2.5 million for stakeholder discussions
- Conserving older forests
- Understand timber supply impacts
- Research & analysis on wood supply demand and carbon accounting



# Funding Breakdown

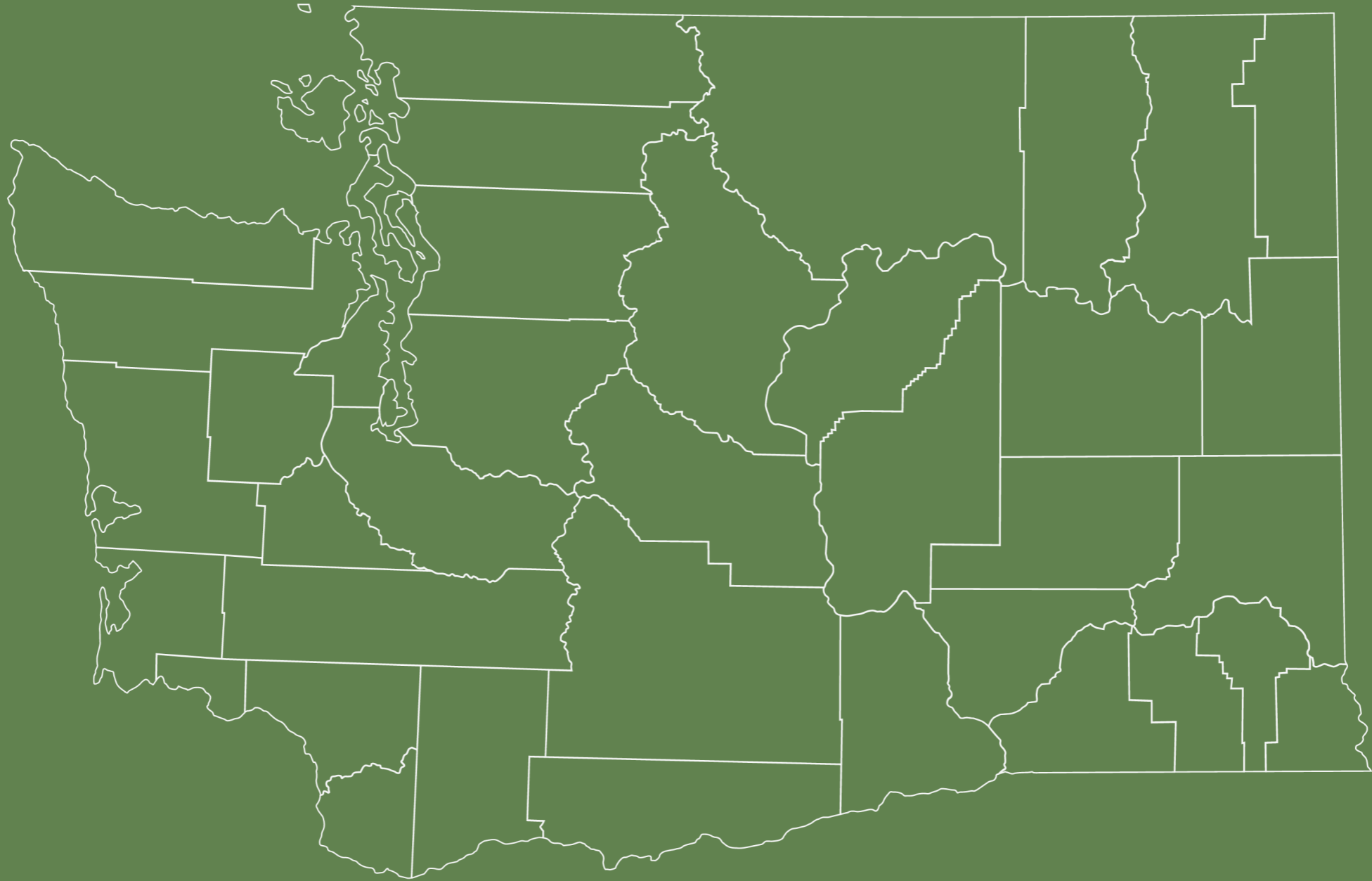
- \$500,000 for consultant help





# Whatcom County Opportunities

- Preservation of structurally complex, carbon-dense, forested state trust lands
- Encumbered lands proximate county agreements
- Replacement forestland trust
- Stakeholder process






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