



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Report

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### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no 17, in the amount of \$1,400,000

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Supplemental #17 requests funding from the General Fund:

1. To appropriate \$1,400,000 in Conservation Futures to fund the acquisition of the Nessel Farm property.

### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
12/05/2023	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	
01/09/2024	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Donovan, Byrd, and Galloway	
		Nay: 0	
01/09/2024	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 6 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremier	

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Nay: 1 Elenbaas

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**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance, Supplemental, Summary

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCTION DATE: 12/05/23

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-002**

**AMENDMENT NO. 17 OF THE 2023 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, the 2023-2024 budget was adopted November 22, 2022; and,

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Council considered the acquisition of 6324 Saxon Road on July 25th, 2023, AB2023-449, and approved a motion forward with and complete the acquisition of the property as long as the purchase price does not exceed the amount discussed in Executive Session; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Purchases and Sales Agreement was signed on August 10th, 2023 with the property owner that has committed and obligated the County to purchases the subject property; and,

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom County Council passed Ordinance 2023-071 on November 21st, 2023 that authorized an interfund loan for the purchase of 6324 Saxon Road from General Fund to Conservation Futures Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Administration prepared a budget supplemental that was to be considered by Council on November 21st, 2023, although, due to oversight, the supplemental was not considered by Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is to provide 2023 expenditure authority in the Conservation Futures Fund to acquire the property at 6324 Saxon Road as has been committed, obligate by the County; and,

**WHEREAS**, changing circumstances require modifications to the approved 2023-2024 budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, the modifications to the budget have been assembled here for deliberation by the Whatcom County Council,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that the 2023-2024 Whatcom County Budget Ordinance #2022-070 is hereby amended by adding the following additional amounts to the 2023 budget included therein:

Fund	Expenditures	Revenues	Net Effect
Conservation Futures Fund	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>
Total Supplemental	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>

ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2024.

ATTEST:

/s/ Dana Brown-Davis approved via email on 1/16/2024/MR  
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email/C. Quinn/A. Tan  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Barry Buchanan  
Barry Buchanan, Chair of Council

Approved ( ) Denied

Satpal Sidhu  
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 1/12/2024