



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance authorizing an interfund loan for the purchase of floodplain land near Acme, Wa

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Requests authorization for a \$780,000 no-interest cashflow loan from the General Fund to the Conservation Futures Fund for the purchase of floodplain land near Acme, Wa.

### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
05/09/2023	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 7 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	
05/23/2023	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 3 Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner	
		Nay: 0	
05/23/2023	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 6 Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner	
		Nay: 1 Elenbaas	

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**Attachments:** Staff memo, Proposed Ordinance

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 033**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF FLOODPLAIN LAND NEAR ACME, WA**

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom County Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Whatcom County to purchase 124 acres and apply a conservation easement over an additional 25 acres for the purposes of river integrated floodplain reconnection; and,

**WHEREAS**, Washington State has identified the South Fork Nooksack River Integrated Floodplain Reconnection project as a budget priority in the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) fund for future grant award, and

**WHEREAS**, the project will contribute to flood mitigation, salmon recovery, and watershed enhancement, and

**WHEREAS**, Fund 175 Conservation Futures does not have currently have adequate cash to finance this purchase, and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the best interest of Whatcom County to partially finance this purchase utilizing an interfund loan from the General Fund,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that a loan shall be made from the General Fund to the Conservation Futures Fund in the amount of \$780,000. No interest shall be charged on the loan. The loan shall be repaid from grant proceeds upon receipt of payments from the PSAR fund, or from future levy receipts of the Conservation Futures Fund if no grant is awarded.

**ADOPTED** this 23rd day of May, 2023.

ATTEST: Catherine A. Hall for DBD  
Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
Barry Buchanan  
Barry Buchanan, Chair of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved      ( ) Denied

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

Satpal Sidhu  
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Date: 5/24/23