2019 Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program Guidelines Update

Whatcom County Council Natural Resources Committee May 21, 2019







Presentation Agenda

- Review 2018 successes & PDR Program summary to date
- Review Upcoming Opportunities and Activities
- Review PDR Program current ranked list of applications and proposed Resolution to proceed with appraisal of multiple applications and acquisition of one easement
- Review Proposed Resolution to authorize Executive to act on behalf of Whatcom County for RCO grant applications

2018 PDR Program Accomplishments

Ordinance 2018-065 expanded the scope of the PDR Program

Whatcom County Agricultural, Forestry, and Ecological Purchase of Development Rights PROGRAM GUIDELINES



2018 PDR Program Accomplishments

- Easements completed on Grubbs, Matheson, Cougar Creek, & Sidhu
- ▶ 235 acres protected extinguishing 12 development rights
- ▶ Total cost of approximately \$1,300,000
- Whatcom County spent approximately \$140,000







PDR Program Summary

PDR Program Progress To-Date														
Closing	Zoning	Water Rights?	Property Name	Protected Acres	# of Dev Rights (theoretical)	Cost of Purchase	Match Committed \$	Match Source	Consv Futures Committed \$	WLT Expenses	Closing Expenses	Appraisals	Avg Cost/Ac	Avg Cost/DR
Aug-04	R5A	N	Holz	39.62	7	\$480,000.00	\$240,000.00	USDA	\$240,000.00	\$22,617.93	\$5,521.98	3585	\$6,057.55	\$34,285.71
Feb-05	R5A	N	Gorsegner	39.4	7	\$230,200.00	\$115,100.00	USDA	\$115,100.00	\$12,510.82	\$2,878.49	3000	\$2,921.32	\$16,442.86
Dec-05	R5A	N	Paul Dairy	157	31	\$710,000.00	\$355,000.00	USDA	\$355,000.00	\$31,846.06	\$490.00	3000	\$2,261.15	\$11,451.61
Jun-06	R5A	Partial	Alamwala	91	18	\$1,065,000.00	\$532,500.00	USDA	\$532,500.00	\$45,837.49	\$651.20	4000	\$5,851.65	\$29,583.33
Jun-07	R10A	N	Dickson	39.88	3	\$170,000.00	\$85,000.00	USDA	\$85,000.00	\$10,551.72	\$836.02	4000	\$2,131.39	\$28,333.33
Sep-07	AG	N	Holz II	39.18	2	\$315,000.00	\$157,500.00	USDA	\$157,500.00	\$16,471.72	\$1,100.88	4500	\$4,019.91	\$78,750.00
Sep-07	AG	N	Groen	124.74	2	\$325,000.00	\$162,500.00	USDA	\$162,500.00	\$17,558.84	\$1,117.69	4500	\$1,302.71	\$81,250.00
Jan-08	R5A	Υ	Ebe	40.38	8	\$255,000.00	\$127,500.00	USDA	\$127,500.00	\$14,200.00	\$565.21	4500	\$3,157.50	\$15,937.50
Oct-08	R5A	N	Bouchard	19.7	3	\$185,000.00	\$92,500.00	USDA	\$92,500.00	\$11,283.50	\$944.21	4500	\$4,695.43	\$30,833.33
Oct-08	AG	N	Tjoelker	39.1	2	\$260,000.00	\$130,000.00	USDA	\$130,000.00	\$9,892.50	\$491.40	4500	\$3,324.81	\$65,000.00
Oct-08	R5A	N	Bauthues	10.7	I	\$115,000.00	\$57,500.00	USDA	\$57,500.00	\$7,576.11	\$445.43	4500	\$5,373.83	\$57,500.00
Nov-09	R5A	Υ	Eldridge	30.5	5	\$310,000.00	\$155,000.00	State RCO	\$155,000.00	\$16,366.53	\$1,152.79	4250	\$5,081.97	\$31,000.00
2011	R5A	Y	Jensen	107	21	\$680,000.00	\$340,000.00	USDA	\$340,000.00	\$30,778.60	\$1,100.00	4250	\$3,177.57	\$16,190.48
2013	R5A	Υ	Holz III	36.93	6	\$150,000.00	\$75,000.00	USDA	\$75,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$877.21	5000	\$2,030.87	\$12,500.00
2013	R5A	Υ	Eldridge II	11.25	2	\$70,000.00	\$35,000.00	USDA	\$35,000.00	\$4,600.00	\$725.03	5000	\$3,111.11	\$17,500.00
2014	R5A	Y	Funk	39.17	7	\$135,000.00	\$67,500.00	USDA	\$67,500.00	\$4,050.00	\$848.47	5000	\$1,723.26	\$9,642.86
2017	AG	Ν	Williams I	19.4	I	\$80,000.00	\$40,000.00	SWF	\$40,000.00	\$14,742.50	\$785.79	5000	\$2,061.86	\$40,000.00
2017	AG	Ν	Williams II	14.5	I	\$85,000.00	\$42,500.00	SWF	\$42,500.00	\$14,742.50	\$794.85	5000	\$2,931.03	\$42,500.00
2018	R5A	Y	Grubbs	19.7	3	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	USDA/RCO	\$0.00	\$13,818.23	\$1,442.40	8000	\$5,076.14	\$33,333.33
2018	AG	N	Matheson	17.4	3	\$200,000.00	\$100,000.00	USDA	\$100,000.00				\$5,747.13	\$33,333.33
2018	RI0A	N	Sidhu	40.44	3	\$80,000.00	\$40,000.00	WLT	\$40,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$658.00	5000	\$989.12	\$13,333.33
2018	AG	Y	Cougar Creek Ranch	157.62	3	\$630,000.00	\$630,000.00	USDA/RCO	\$0.00	\$24,000.00	\$1,884.65	8000	\$3,996.95	\$210,000.00
			TOTALS:	1134.61	139	\$ 6,630,200	\$ 3,680,100		\$ 2,950,100	\$342,445.05	\$22,769.05	\$99,085.00	\$3,243.49	\$26,475.54

Upcoming Opportunities & Activities

- Council authorized funding for additional GIS and outreach materials development.
- Staff and the PDR Oversight Committee selected Unique Places GIS & Design to provide this support.
- Contract should come before Council at the next Council meeting.

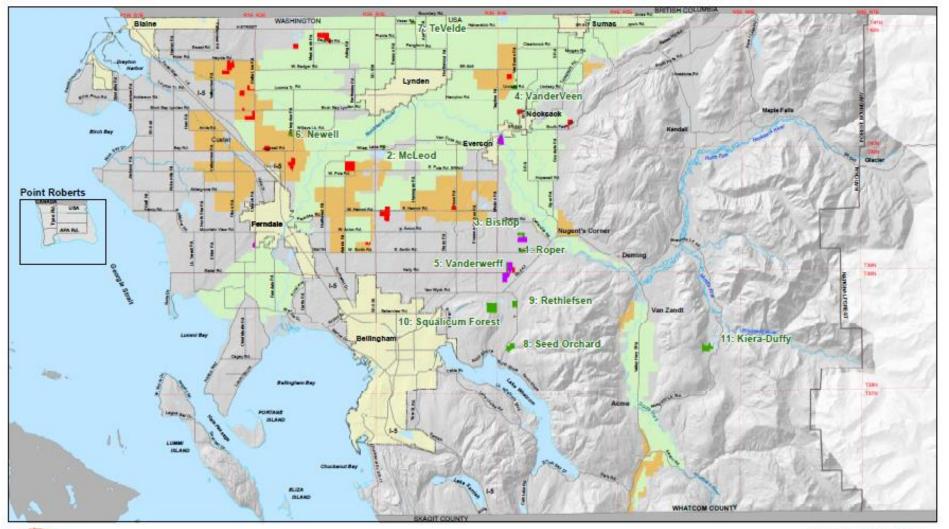


Upcoming Opportunities & Activities



The Natural Resource
Conservation Service
(NRCS) has awarded
Whatcom County a
Regional Conservation
Partnership Program
(RCPP) for \$1.3 million
over the next 4 years.

Whatcom County Working Lands Conserving Watersheds is a partnership between Whatcom County, Whatcom Conservation District, Ag Water Board, and the Whatcom Land Trust to work together to enact agricultural conservation easements on priority lands. This partnership effort will begin this fall. Staff is working with the Executive's Office to coordinate this effort.





Whatcom County

- Purchase of Development Rights 2019



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April 2019 PDR Applicant Ranking Summary Total # of **Final** Cost per Cost per 50% Match Funding 50% Match Funding **Estimated** Rank Zone **Applicant** Acres **DRs** Score DR Secured Secured/Approved Acre Cost ACE 26.75 R5 \$175,000 \$43,750 \$6,542 Roper 4 66.11 NRCS 2018 ACEP-ALE WA RCO WWRP Farmland **ACE** 16.59 65.49 \$300,000 \$42,857 2 McLeod 7 R2 \$18.083 NRCS 2018 ACEP-ALE WA RCO WWRP Farmland Application to WA RCO **ACE** 47.24 8 65.28 \$300,000 \$37,500 \$6,351 3 Bishop R5 Conservation Futures Fund **Farmland** ACE 36.9 2 AG 63.76 \$150,000 \$75,000 \$4.065 NRCS ACEP - WRE or WFPF 4 **VanderVeen** Conservation Futures Fund ACE 5 Vanderwerff 19.77 3 R5 52.56 \$100,000 \$33,333 \$5,058 NRCS 2018 ACEP-ALE Conservation Futures Fund **ECE** INRCS ACEP – WRE or WFPF 6 20.2 3 R5 55.46 \$100,000 \$33,333 \$4,950 Conservation Futures Fund Newell ACE 19.6 AG \$120,000 \$120,000 \$6,122 7 TeVelde 51.6 WA RCO WWRP Farmland Conservation Futures Fund Seed **FCE** 84 \$220,000 \$110,000 Conservation Futures Fund 8 2 R5, RF 50.57 \$2,619 Conservation Futures Fund Orchard Application to WA RCO **ACE** 49.79 \$37,500 \$6,140 9 48.86 8 R5 \$300,000 Rethlefsen Conservation Futures Fund **Farmland** Squalicum Application to WA RCO **FCE** 10 160 8 RF 45.83 \$700,000 \$87,500 \$4,375 Conservation Futures Fund Forest Forestland Application to WA RCO **FCE** 115 R5, RF 44.12 500,000 \$83,333 \$4,348 Conservation Futures Fund П Kiera 6 **Forestland** 594.91 \$2,965,000 **TOTALS** 52 \$57,019 \$4,984

Roper, Sam

Rank: | Score: 66.11

Zone: Rural 5 **Acreage:** 26.75 acres

of Development Rights to be removed: 4

Location: East Smith Road

Type of Farm: Mixed vegetable, sheep, and poultry

Soils: 100% Prime soils

Supports: Sage & Sky Farm

Water: Water association water supply for domestic

& exempt well for stock water

Application Date: December, 2017

Total Easement Cost: \$175,000 (estimate)

Match funding:

50% secured NRCS ACEP-ALE

50% secured WA RCO WWRP

Status:

Approval to appraise via Res. 2018-028



Agricultural Conservation Easement



Whatcom County 2018 PDR Program Property

Proposed Protected Area

Roper Property

APN 390429 130050 - 26.75 Acres



McLeod, Rory & Lauralee

Rank: 2 Score: 65.49

Zone: Rural 2

Acreage: 16.59 acres

of Development Rights to be removed: 7

Location: East Wiser Lake Road

Type of Farm: Mixed vegetable and seed crop

Soils: 100% Prime soils

Supports: Uprising Organics

Water: Certificate of Ground Water Right, Domestic supply and irrigation up to 125 gallons per minute; 15

acre-feet per year

Application Date: December, 2016

Total Easement Cost: \$300,000 (estimate)

Match funding:

50% Secured NRCS ACEP-ALE

50% Secured WA State RCO WWRP

Status:

Approval to appraise via Res. 2018-028



Agricultural Conservation Easement



Whatcom County 2017 PDR Program Property
- Proposed Protected Area

McLeod Property

APN 400331 212079 - 17.59 Acres









Bishop, Eugenia & Todd Jones

Rank: 3 Score: 65.28

Zone: Rural 5

Acreage: 47.24 acres

of Development Rights to be removed: 8

Location: Sand Road

Type of Farm: Native plants

Soils: 100% Prime soils

Supports: Fourth Corner Nurseries

Water: Certificate of Water Right; 28.8 acre-feet per

year for irrigation

Application Date: March, 2019

Total Easement Cost: \$300,000 (estimate)

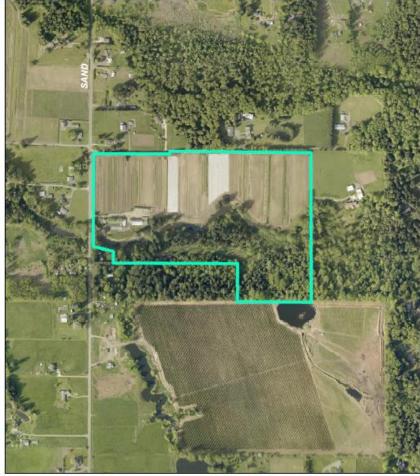
Match funding:

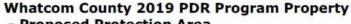
Application for 50% WA State RCO WWRP

Status:

• Current request for approval to appraise







- Proposed Protection Area





VanderVeen, John & Diane

Agricultural Conservation Easement

Rank: 4 **Score:** 63.76

Zone: AG **Acreage:** 36.9 acres

of Development Rights to be removed: 2

Location: Van Buren Road, E. of Lynden

Type of Farm: Dairy Soils: 100% Prime soils

Supports: family dairy farm

Water: No certificate

Application Date: June, 2017

Total Easement Cost: \$150,000 (estimate) **Match funding:** Either NRCS ACEP-Wetland
Reserve Easement program or Whatcom County
Farmland Preservation Fund could provide match **Status:**

Current request for approval to appraise



Agricultural Conservation Easement



Whatcom County 2017 PDR Program Property
- Proposed Protected Area

Vander Veen Properties

APN 400418 485081 - 4.59 Acres APN 400418 429058 - 27.72 Acres APN 400418 485227 - 4.59 Acres





Vanderwerff, Greg & Heidi

Rank: 5 **Score:** 52.56

Zone: R5

Acreage: 19.77 acres

of Development Rights to be removed: 3

Type of Farm: Cattle **Soils:** 100% Prime soils **Supports:** family farm

Water: No water right known Application Date: May, 2016

Total Easement Cost: \$100,000 (estimate)

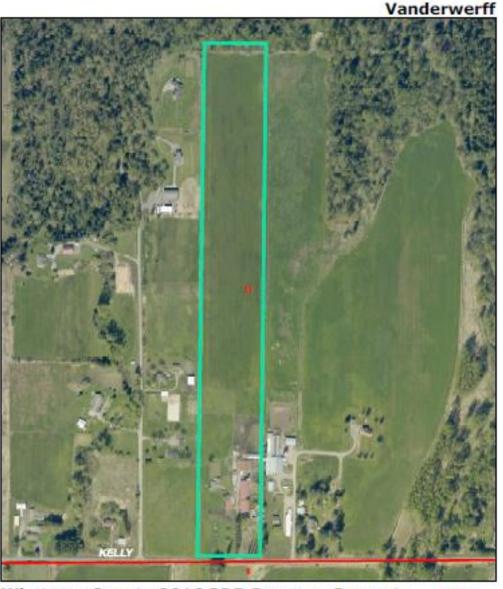
Match funding:

50% Secured NRCS ACEP-ALE

Status:

Approval to appraise via Res. 2018-028





Whatcom County 2016 PDR Program Property
- Locational Map/2013 Aerial



Vanderwerff Property



Newell, Brad

Ecosystem Conservation Easement

Score: 55.46

Zone: R5 **Acreage:** 20.2 acres

of Development Rights to be removed: 3

Location: Enterprise Road

Type of Farm: Non-dairy livestock

Soils: 100% Prime soils

Water: Exempt well for domestic and stock

Application Date: January, 2017

Total Easement Cost: \$100,000 (estimate)

Match funding:

 Either NRCS ACEP-Wetland Reserve Easement program or Whatcom County Farmland Preservation Fund could provide match

Status:

Current request for approval to appraise





Whatcom County 2018 PDR Program Property

- Proposed Protected Area

Newell Property

APN 400232 451435 - 20.22 Acres





TeVelde, Kevin & Laura

Rank: 7 **Score:** 51.60

Zone: AG **Acreage:** 19.6 acres

of Development Rights to be removed:

Location: Bender Road, N. of Lynden

Type of Farm: Pasture, rotational crops

Soils: 100% Prime soils

Supports: TeVelde family farm business

Water: unknown

Application Date: January, 2017

Total Easement Cost: \$100,000 (estimate)

Match funding:

50% Secured WA State RCO WWRP Farmland

Status:

Current request for approval to appraise



Agricultural Conservation Easement



Whatcom County 2018 PDR Program Property

Proposed Protected Area



TeVelde Property



Seed Orchard

Rank: 8 **Score:** 50.57

Zone: R5, CF Acreage: 84 acres

of Remaining Development Rights: 2

Location: Y Road, Stewart Mountain

Soils: 100% Soils of Statewide Significance

Water: No known water right Application Date: May, 2017

Total Easement Cost: \$220,000 (estimate)

Match funding:

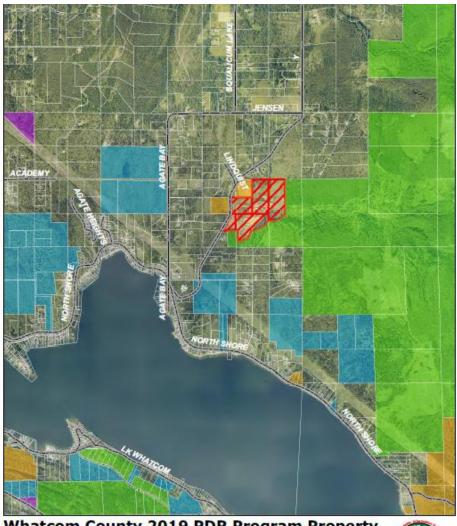
DNR is authorized to acquire property with forestry conservation easement

Status:

Current request for approval to appraise and proceed with easement acquisition

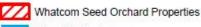


Forestry Conservation Easement



Whatcom County 2019 PDR Program Property - Surrounding Ownership





City of Bellingham Whatcom Land Trust

Whatcom County

Washington State



Rethlefsen, Darlene

Score: 49.79 Rank: 9

Acreage: 48.86 acres **Zone:** Rural 5

of Development Rights to be removed: 8

Location: Y Road

Type of Farm: Sheep, hay Soils: 100% Prime soils

Supports: Lydia's Flock

Water: Exempt well for stock **Application Date:** March, 2019

Total Easement Cost: \$300,000 (estimate)

Match funding:

Application for 50% WA State RCO WWRP

Status:

Current request for approval to appraise



Agricultural Conservation Easement



Whatcom County 2019 PDR Program Property - Proposed Protection Area

Rethlefsen Property

APN 380407 485225 - 48.86 Acres







Squalicum Forest

Rank: 10 **Score:** 45.83

Zone: RF **Acreage:** 160 acres # of Remaining Development Rights: 8

Location: Mount Baker Highway, Squalicum Mountain

Soils: 100% Soils of Statewide Significance

Water: No water right

Application Date: March, 2015

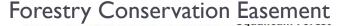
Total Easement Cost: \$700,000 (estimate)

Match funding:

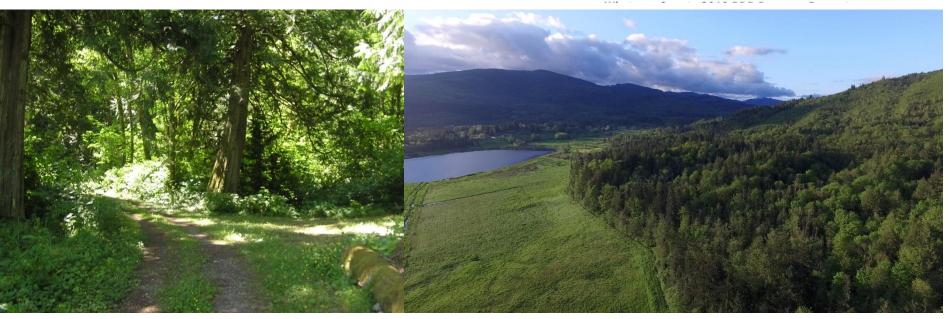
 Application to WA RCO WWRP Forestland Preservation

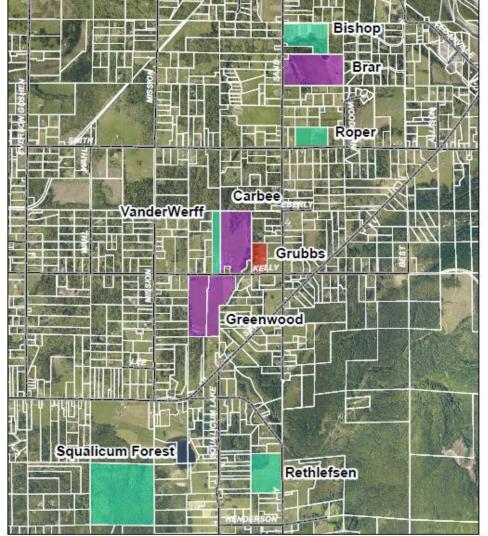
Status:

• Current request for approval to appraise











Whatcom County 2019 PDR Program Property - Anderson Creek Area



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Kiera-Duffy

Rank: 12 Score: 44.12

Zone: R5, RF

Acreage: 115 acres

of Development Rights to be removed: 6

Location: Mosquito Lake Road

Soils: 22% Prime soils

Application Date: January, 2017

Total Easement Cost: \$500,000 (estimate)

Match funding:

 Request approval to apply to WA RCO Forestland Preservation

Status:

Current request for approval to appraise



Forestry Conservation Easement



Whatcom County 2018 PDR Program Property

- Proposed Protected Area



APN 380523 208130 - 2.31 Acres APN 380523 311085 - 37.90 Acres APN 380523 242054 - 12.11 Acres APN 380523 130082 - 55.60 Acres



Request:

- AB2019-296
 - Affirm PDR Oversight Committee Ranking
 - Proceed with title search and appraisal on:
 - Bishop
 - VanderVeen
 - Newell
 - TeVelde
 - Seed Orchard
 - Rethlefsen
 - Squalicum Forest
 - Kiera-Duffy
 - Proceed with acquisition of forestry conservation easement on Seed Orchard

AB2019-297

- Authorize Whatcom County Executive Jack Louws to act as the authorized representative on behalf of Whatcom County and to legally bind our organization with regards to grant funding received through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for the following projects
 - Rethlefsen
 - Bishop
 - Squalicum Forest
 - Kiera-Duffy



Thank you!





PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM

Purchase of Development Rights Oversight Committee

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Brian Rusk

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