

KING COUNTY AGRICULTURE COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

THURSDAY MARCH 11, 2021

6:00-8:00 P.M.

ZOOM VIDEO CALL

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MEETING AGENDA

6:00	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">Roll call of commissionersAnnouncement of staff and public for the record (please sign in to chat feature)Approval of AgendaApproval of February minutes	Nayab Khan, Chair
6:05	Old Business - Updates (approx. 3 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Commission Details - selection committee, communications plan, SCAP/food waste<ul style="list-style-type: none">Upcoming eventsKC Ag Program<ul style="list-style-type: none">CARES Act participation/ final reportLand Conservation InitiativeFarm BureauKing Conservation DistrictLocal Food InitiativeFarm, Fish, FloodWorking Farmland Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Patrice BarrentineRichard MartinLeann KrainickLeann KrainickCarrie KingMike LufkinBeth LeDouxLily Gottlieb-McHale
6:25	Public Comment related to a specific agenda item <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Nayab Khan
6:30	New Business Land: Farm Real Estate and Covid	Kevin Scott, Vice Chair and Real Estate Broker, Coldwell Banker Bain
6:45	County Assessor Current Use Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">PresentationQ&ADiscussion	Debra Clark, Current Use Specialist, KC Dept of Assessments
7:00	King County's Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">FundingTargeted easement acquisitionQ&A/Discussion	Ted Sullivan, KC FPP Program Manager
7:50	General Public Comment <i>3 minutes/person</i>	Nayab Khan
7:55	Concerns of Commissioners	Nayab Khan
8:00	Adjourn	Nayab Khan

Next Meeting: April 8



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King County Agriculture Commission
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Zoom Video Conference Call

Commissioners Present					
Nayab Khan, Chair	Y	Lily Gottlieb-McHale	Y	Paul Pink	N
Kevin Scott-Vanderberge, Vice-Chair	Y	Leann Krainick	Y		
Roger Calhoun	Y	Darron Marzolf	Y		
Ex Officio Members Present					
Fereshteh Dehkordi, DLS	N	Kevin Wright, WSU	Y	Carrie King, KCD	Y
County Staff/Representatives Present					
Patrice Barrentine, DNRP	Megan Moore, DNRP		Jackie White, KCC (Lambert)		
Melissa Borsting, DNRP	Rick Reinlasoder, DNRP				
Richard Martin, DNRP	Ted Sullivan, DNRP				
Guests Present					
Liz Clark, KCD	Jordan Jobe, WSU Extension		Marie Shimada, SVPA		
Dave Glenn, Sno-Valley Tilth	Tucker Seitz, WDFW				

Action Summary

- **Actions: Approvals of Agenda, January 2021 Meeting Minutes**
- **Old Business: Commission, County, and Organization Updates**
- **New Business: Farmland Lease Program Revision; Wildlife and Livestock Steps for Landowners**

Meeting called to order by Chair Nayab Khan at 6:03 pm

Roll Call/Announcement of Staff & Public (Nayab Khan)

Roll call of Commissioners and announcement of staff and public guests was done via the Zoom chat function.

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Agenda (Nayab Khan)

Leann Krainick asked to add an update on the Commission’s Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) letter, and made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Kevin Scott-Vanderberge seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

ACTION: Approval of January 2021 Meeting Minutes (Nayab Khan)

Darron Marzolf motioned to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes as-is. Kevin Scott-Vanderberge seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous approval.

Old Business – Updates

- **Commission Details (Patrice Barrentine):**
 - Selection Committee: The executive committee is serving in part as a selection committee for Commissioner recruitment. Nayab Khan and Kevin Scott-Vanderberge plan to interview applicants later this month.
 - Code and Legislation:
 - A King County Council (KCC)-proposed motion on the Conservation Futures Tax (CFT) levy is moving through committees, as is SCAP.
 - A draft ordinance proposing increase on permit-exempt building sizes (from 200 to 400 square feet) is open for comment. This comes largely from work by County regulatory permitting specialist Eric Beach, and eases farmers’ burden for storage space permits. The Commission can formally comment if it wishes.

- A short legislative session in Olympia is in progress. SB 5045, to establish a state meat/poultry inspection program, has no funding attached; it would need to go through many steps by April 25 to pass, and likely take a few years to implement. Support is uncertain, and King County has opted not to comment on it.
- Upcoming Events:
 - The WA State Soil Conference, with free registration, is going on now.
 - The WA State Farmers’ Market Association (WSFMA) conference is in two weeks.
 - Food Business Week’s online tradeshow is the same week as the WSFMA conference.
 - Agriculture, food processing, and grocery retail workers are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines this month.
- **King County Agriculture Program (Richard Martin):**
 - Ms. Barrentine and WSFMA staff developed a report on COVID-19/CARES Act impacts to farmers markets. Over half of the \$400K allotted to the program covered expenses incurred by a market not open; about a third went to additional staff for visitor control; and just 10% went to additional operating costs such as sanitizer (this number was expected to be higher). Nearly 90% of markets experienced the following: projected operating losses for 2020, concerns about challenges to ability to raise funds, and worries of accommodating needed space for social distancing. However, most markets survived and appreciated the reimbursements.
 - The Agriculture Program is partly funded by a jurisdictional grant through King Conservation District (KCD). Program staff develop a plan on how that money is to be spent, and report to KCD’s advisory board at the end of the year. Board chair Burr Mosby asked how much staff time is spent on new/beginning farmers with less than 10 years’ experience, as well as immigrant/refugee farmers. While detailed data has not yet been gathered, it is estimated 30% of staff time is spent helping these groups, with this number expected to increase.
- **SCAP Letter (Leann Krainick):** King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) wants to talk to a few Commissioners about better management of food waste byproducts and livestock feed. Due to the current size of the Commission, there can be no more than three Commissioners in the group to avoid quorum. There would be a planning call prior to the meeting with SWD. Ms. Barrentine advised compiling “bullet point” ideas to share with SWD in advance. She added input can be shared with other Commissioners, but not as a quorum, which would render the gathering subject to public meeting rules. She will send a poll to Commissioners and County staff for the planning call and discussion. This topic will also be added as “Old Business” on March’s Commission agenda.
- **Land Conservation Initiative (Leann Krainick):** Representative Wiley’s bill on this topic has been submitted; County staff are advised to follow up on its status.
- **Farm Bureau (Leann Krainick):**
 - HB 1091: This major carbon fuel bill would increase fuel costs; it will likely go to the voting floor.
 - SB 5172: This retroactive overtime bill targets dairies but may impact other industries. It is still in committee.
 - HB 1395: This addresses ensuring equity in farming, specifically by the government encouraging minority and migrant workers to farm. While Farm Bureau overall supports the bill, the King-Pierce branch has concerns about potentially pushing unskilled farmers into a high-suicide industry without training.
 - Federal Legislation: Representative Kim Schrier of House District 9 is to put forth a bill to fund projects for carbon reduction and livestock greenhouse emissions. She has also submitted a bill for COVID-19 relief, to increase PPE for farmers, as well as funding for food banks. Representative Schrier also wants input on the President’s immigration bill, including the problem of millions of dollars in agricultural products sitting in American ports due to container ships being sent back to China empty.
- **King Conservation District (Carrie King, Liz Clark):**
 - KCD is still recruiting for its Senior Director of Stewardship position. The Executive Director has also stepped aside due to health issues. A consulting firm will send another interim Executive Director, while KCD plans to start recruitment for that position as well.
 - KCD’s annual plant sale closes tomorrow and is almost sold out.
 - Nine candidates have filed in KCD’s election. Ballots go online March 1 and must be postmarked by March 23. King County Elections will receive only by mail; anyone wanting to vote in-person should contact KCD.
 - Site visits this year were postponed for several weeks due to COVID-19, but all scheduled projects and targets were completed. About 10,200 linear feet were dredged.
- **Local Food Initiative:** There were no updates on this item.
- **Fish Farm Flood:** There were no updates on this item.

Public Comment – Related to Specific Agenda Item

There was no public comment given during this period.

Commission 2020 Year in Review & Topics for the Year (Patrice Barrentine)

Ms. Barrentine thanked the Commission for resilience in facing challenges of switching meetings from in-person to a virtual format. She reviewed snapshots of Commission accomplishments in each quarter of 2020, noting many letters sent. She reviewed planned first-quarter 2021 topics for the Commission and asked for other topics the Commission wishes to address this year; she will send an email following up on this.

Renew Relationship with your Councilmember (Kevin Scott-Vanderberge)

Mr. Scott-Vanderberge said while most Commissioners know their respective King County Councilmembers well, some relationships have suffered or been sidelined in the pandemic. He advised all to contact their Councilmembers. Leann Krainick noted this can take a while, and Commissioners should persist. She said a job of all Commissioners is to relay concerns of farmers to staff and Councilmembers. All Councilmembers have an agriculture liaison and want to hear from Commissioners. Patrice Barrentine reminded Commissioners that connections to Councilmembers should be done on an individual basis, not on behalf of the Commission.

New Business: Revising King County's Farmland Lease Program (Melissa Borsting, DNRP)

Ms. Borsting is agriculture land use coordinator for DNRP, focusing on farmland access and utilization. One emphasis is on guiding the County's farmland lease program. She reviewed a history of the program, from the Indo-Chinese Farm Project farm in 1982, to hiring of a dedicated County farm manager and immigrant/refugee farmer liaison, Bee Cha, in 2019. In 2015 the County, with the Commission, began re-envisioning the program. This vision involves adding farmland access in a region with limited and costly land availability. It also involves creating basic farm business infrastructure and serving socially disadvantaged/inexperienced farmers.

Ms. Borsting reviewed a map of the five farms in the program, which came into it through a variety of reasons; some farming land on a temporary basis while waiting for habitat project construction, with others to be surplus this year. The target demographic is farmers with one-year minimum farming experience, growing commercially, and socially disadvantaged/inexperienced farmers. The County does not yet have resources to fully support brand-new farmers.

The County's aim is for a six-year lease, starting with one year and a possibility to add five more. A goal is to decide how to support those currently farming the land, and farms wishing to transition to larger properties. Leaser selection is through an open Request for Proposal (RFP) process, with land leased at market rates determined by a survey every five years. Current rates are: irrigated cropland (\$450/acre), non-irrigated cropland (\$350/acre), and grazing land (\$80/acre). Infrastructure is to be consistent at program farms and include a minimum of: address/road access, security (a locked gate), irrigation as water rights allow, wash/pack and potable water, secure storage space, and a sani-can. Liability insurance is also required for leasers to sign with the County.

Ms. Borsting reviewed some information on the current program farms:

- Beyers: Located south of Carnation, the County works with Sno-Valley Tilth (SVT) and leases to them; SVT sub-leases to tenants who qualify for their Experience Farming Project.
- Bonomi: A large farm south of Issaquah, with only a small amount of land suitable for crops. Three acres are leased to the non-profit cooperative Wakulima USA, and five acres to a Kenyan farmer with chickens and soon other livestock. This land was vacant for a couple of years, and everything was stolen in that time.
- Green River: There have been some security issues here, mostly due to inconsistent gate-locking.
- Horseneck: 26 farmable acres are being transitioned from a single crop farmer to serve multiple groups. Target demographics are BIPOC and immigrants/refugees, with intent to grow food for food banks. Five acres serving 10-15 businesses are leased through the FAACT organization. Much is needed to develop infrastructure here.
- Sammamish River: 18 acres, leased to five mostly Hmong farm businesses and the Black Farmers Collective.

She stressed the County is not handling the program alone. While the County provides land, on several sites they work with partner organizations who directly manage and support leasers. Some sites are managed by the County. Partner organizations also help with land matching, technical support, market access, and business support, as the County agriculture program alone cannot support all these farmers, and some partners are more suited to serve specific communities' needs. Finally, she reviewed 2021 priorities for the program, which include addressing infrastructure improvement, exploring funding sources, and deepening partner relationships.

Follow-up discussion from Commissioners raised several points:

- Most County infrastructure is based on crop farming, but if livestock are included that raises the need for fencing. Ms. Borsting agreed this is a concern for crops as well, as far as protecting from animals. It was noted the County should consider who bears responsibility: a tenant is responsible to repair fencing, but a landlord provides it.

- Animal welfare is something the County should be prepared to take on before it does so, and not leave the issue up to Animal Control. Leann Krainick and Darron Marzolf offered to discuss this further with Ms. Borsting.
- The Commission would like to review the RFP requirements and lease agreements to provide feedback.
- There is an opening here for the County to network and mentor to partner organizations. More should be done to connect farmers to community mentors and develop a central roster or network of interested mentors and opportunities. The County should consider who would manage that list and how to vet potential mentors.
- The first years are key to farmer success; there is hope County support will give some new farmers a chance.
- Showing experience is key to qualifying for types of financing such as farm loans.

Patrice Barrentine noted the reason Ms. Borsting presented today is the Commission’s wish for the County to use its land ownership to improve farmland access, and for the County to get feedback on if it is achieving this goal.

New Business: Wildlife & Livestock – Landowner Steps (Rick Reinlasoder, DNRP; Tucker Seitz, WDFW)

Mr. Reinlasoder, livestock specialist for DNRP, introduced Tucker Seitz of WDFW, who works with landowners to find creative solutions to wildlife issues. Recent fatal attacks on livestock in the Enumclaw/Auburn area have sparked interest by the County and Commission in being proactive to prevent future wildlife attacks.

Mr. Seitz’s focuses are mitigating vegetation damage from species such as deer/elk, and livestock husbandry. For livestock/predator interactions, he advised securing livestock at night and keeping track of any changes (like injuries) to address quickly. Hazing wildlife – running them out of an area – can also be a deterrent, mainly with deer/elk.

Lethal options are available and proven to make some species more skittish. WDFW has a Master Hunter program, where rigorously vetted volunteer hunters, who can operate outside general hunting season, are linked with landowners to mitigate damages. WDFW also issues permits that act as “contracts” between a landowner and WDFW to hunt crop-damaging animals. For predators, trap-and-removal is preferred. Lethal predator removal is a last option, as this damage can oft be prevented by better managing of livestock. Some compensation is available to landowners producing \$10K per year of a crop commercially or those who lose livestock to a predator. Labor is available as well, such as Master Hunters installing fences or hazing deer/elk. These determinations are made based on Mr. Seitz’s site visit and filing a report on his findings with the state WDFW office in Olympia.

Follow-up discussion from Commissioners and guests raised the following points:

- Anyone with wildlife issues, especially animal attacks, should call WDFW’s enforcement hotline, the regional Mill Creek office, or Mr. Seitz directly. A call to 911’s non-emergency line can also be referred to WDFW. Mr. Seitz covers King and Snohomish counties. Mr. Reinlasoder can offer limited consultation on predator losses as well.
- Mr. Seitz is not versed to consult on livestock guardian animals like dogs, and defers to landowner expertise here.
- Any carcass should be undisturbed and/or covered until WDFW can come investigate. Euthanizing injured wildlife is illegal unless dispatched by WDFW or enforcement.
- Beavers and waterfowl are issues that information is being gathered on.
- Mr. Seitz maintains a Master Hunter list for each county and region and can be contacted to dispatch a hunter to a specific location.
- There is no regularly-produced WDFW depredation report, but the information can be obtained through a Public Disclosure Request.
- Eagle/hawk predation was cited as a likely underreported problem in King County, particularly on the Enumclaw Plateau. Mr. Seitz said birds of prey are managed by USFWS, but WDFW can provide non-lethal deterrents. He encouraged any wildlife attack on someone’s animal to be reported to WDFW so there is record of the incident and a plan can be developed to address the problem.

Public Comment – General (Nayab Khan)

There was no public comment given during this period.

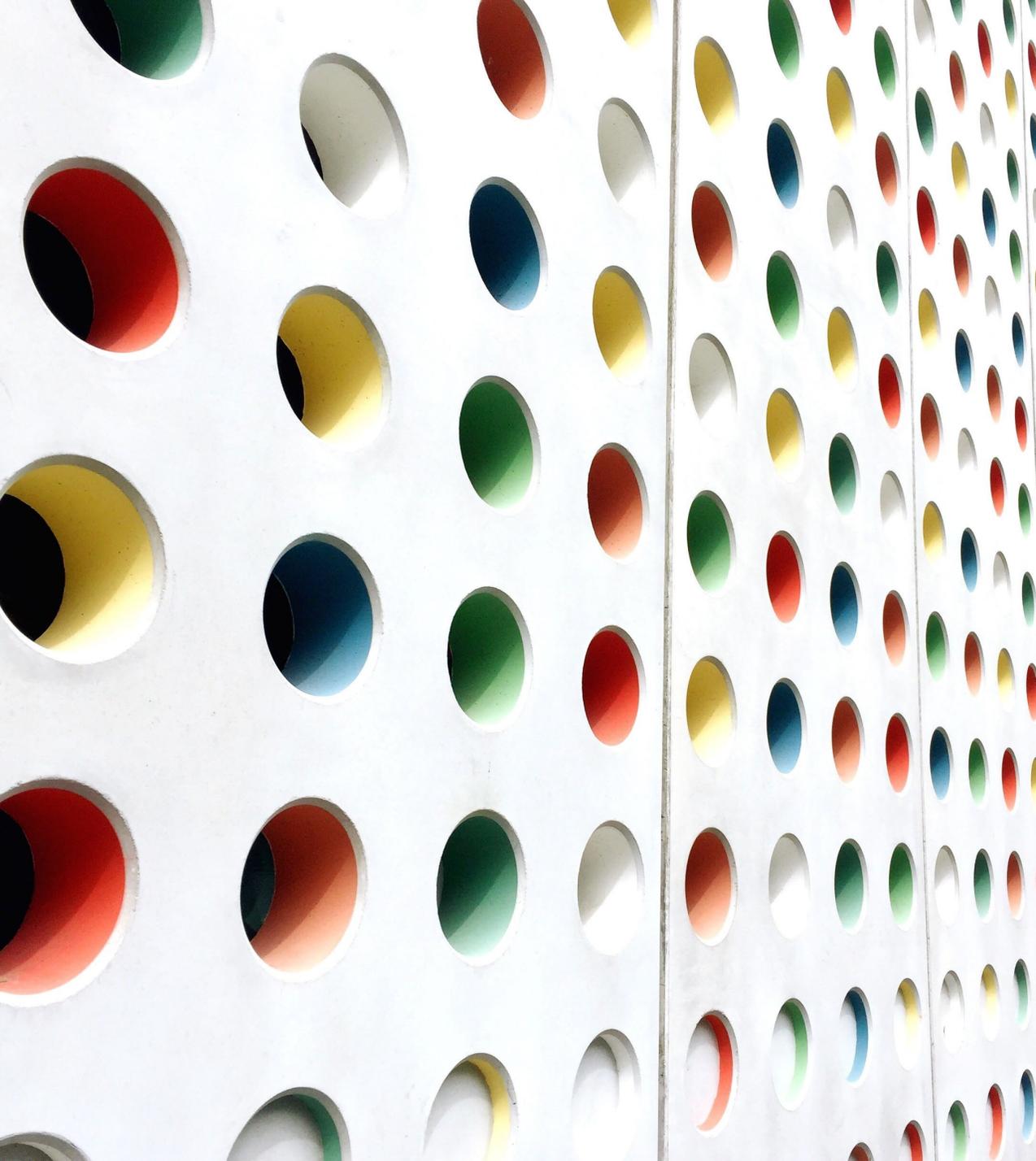
Concerns of Commissioners (Nayab Khan)

Leann Krainick commended County staffer Megan Moore on her promotion and her service to the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next Meeting

March 11, 2021, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Zoom Video Conference Call)



Meetings, Conferences, Events and Key Dates

REGARDING KING COUNTY
AGRICULTURE

MARCH 2021



Coming Up



Food Events



Farm Events

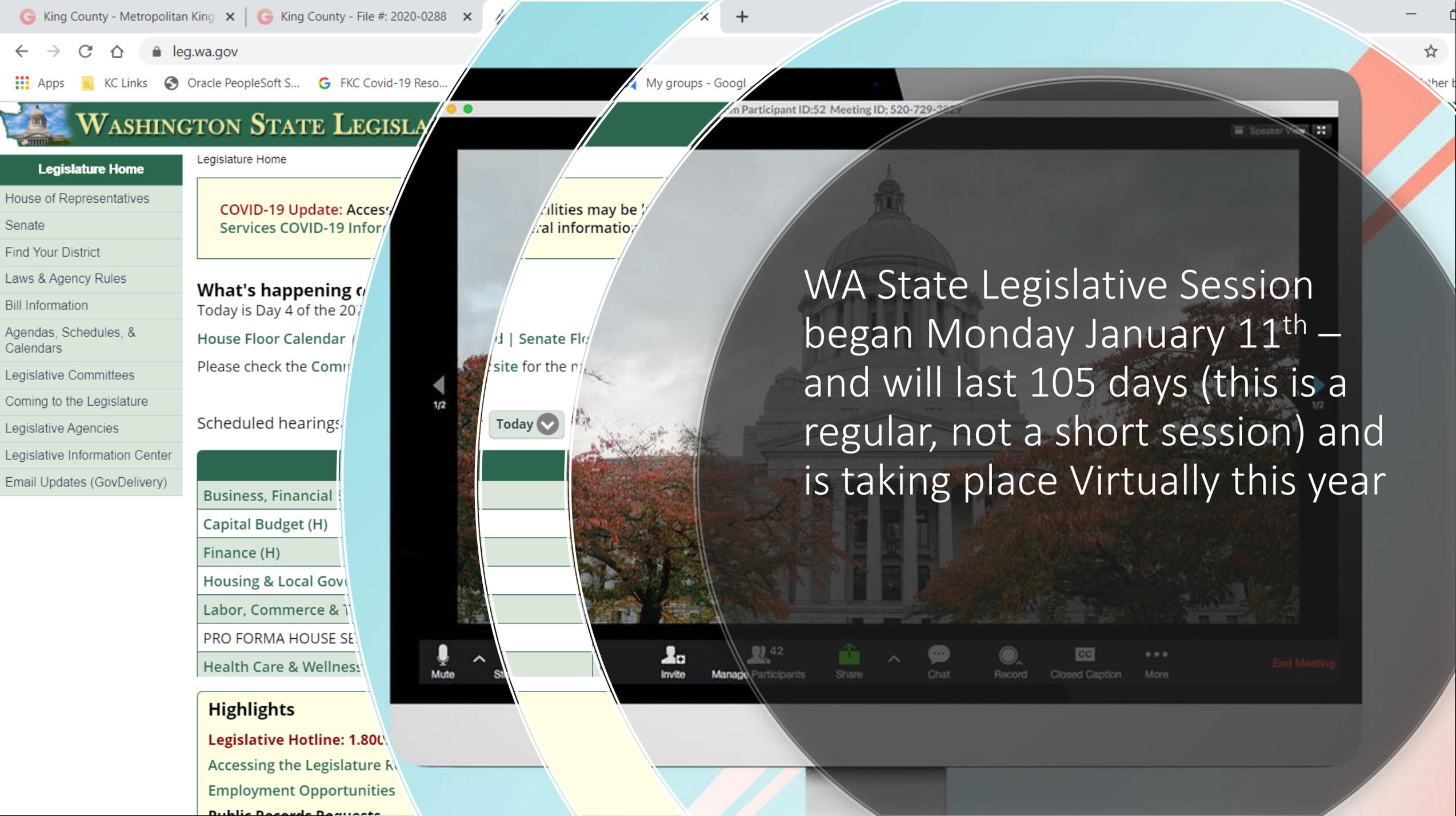


Public Meetings

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King County Events and Public Meetings

- <https://www.kingcounty.gov/about/news/events.aspx>
- No holidays in March
- Council Meetings every Tuesday, 1pm
- Mobility and Environment Committee meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday at 9:30am
 - [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0047](#) A MOTION providing direction to the *conservation futures advisory committee on priorities for allocating conservation futures tax levy proceeds*. Was passed unanimously by the King County Council on February 9th
 - [Proposed Motion No. 2020-0288](#) A MOTION relating to *the 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan*, was deferred by the Mobility and Environment Committee at their January 27 and Feb 24 Meeting, will be heard at **March 24 and April 22** Meetings.



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COVID-19 Update: Access Services COVID-19 Information

What's happening

Today is Day 4 of the 2020

House Floor Calendar

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Scheduled hearings

- Business, Financial & Technology
- Capital Budget (H)
- Finance (H)
- Housing & Local Government
- Labor, Commerce & Trade
- PRO FORMA HOUSE SESSION
- Health Care & Wellness

Highlights

- Legislative Hotline: 1.800.**
- Accessing the Legislature R
- Employment Opportunities
- Public Records Requests

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Today

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WA State Legislative Session began Monday January 11th – and will last 105 days (this is a regular, not a short session) and is taking place Virtually this year

Important legislative cut-off dates:



Feb 15 – Final day for bills in committee.



Feb 22 – Final day for budget bills in committee.



March 9 – Final day to consider bills in houses of origin.



March 26 – Final day for bills from opposite chamber in committee.



April 2 – Final day for fiscal bills from opposite chamber in committee.



April 11 – Final day to consider bill from opposite chamber.



April 25 – Last day of session.

SB 5045 AN ACT Relating to *expanding opportunities for meat and poultry processing and inspection*; <http://search.leg.wa.gov/search.aspx#results>

- **WSDA will support small-scale meat and poultry processors**
- **WSU will provide technical assistance and job training programs**
- **Conservation Commission will provide a grant program for processors**
- ***However, there is no funding included in the bill to implement any of these activities.***



<https://www.farmwalks.org/podcast/steel-wheel-farm>

DEVELOPING EMPLOYEE TRAINING PROTOCOLS AND DIY HYGIENIC DESIGN



Farm Walks

Ryan Lichttenegger of Steel Wheel Farm



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Food Systems
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY



Now starting March 22 for ag and food essential workers

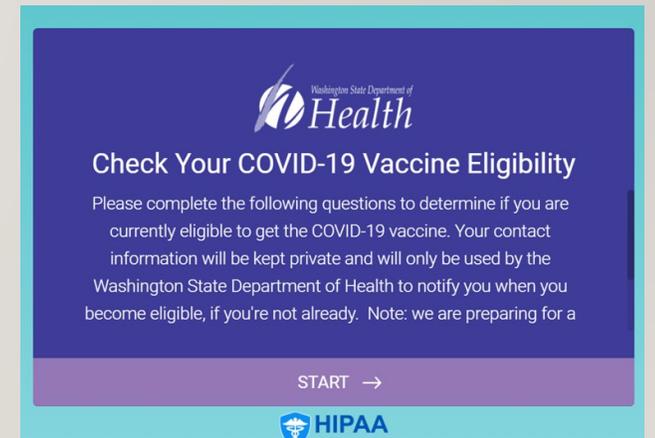
COVID VACCINATIONS FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

INCLUDING AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING, GROCERY RETAIL

Washington State DOH is using the [FindYourPhaseWA.org](https://www.findyourphasewa.org) tool, an online self-assessment to help people find out if they are eligible for vaccination under current or past phases.

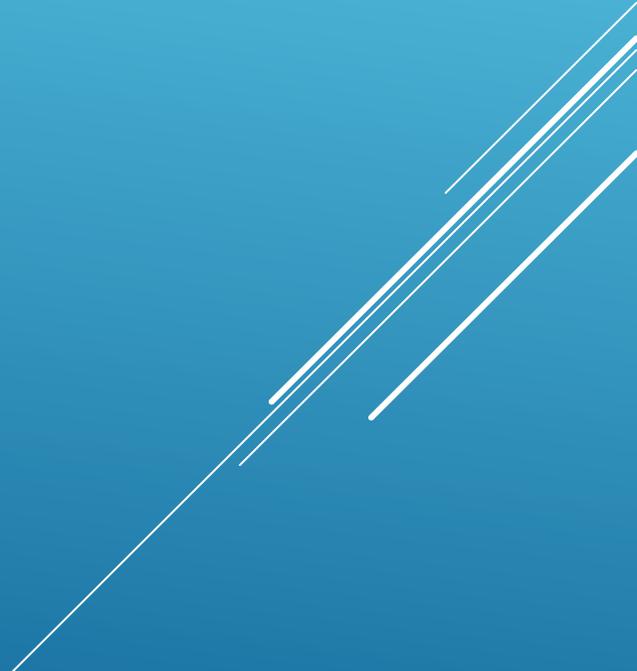
Phase Finder also provides:

- confirmation of eligibility that can be shown at a vaccination site
- a link to a list of available sites for vaccination.



The screenshot shows a blue interface for the Washington State Department of Health. At the top is the logo for the Washington State Department of Health. Below the logo is the title "Check Your COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility". The main text reads: "Please complete the following questions to determine if you are currently eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Your contact information will be kept private and will only be used by the Washington State Department of Health to notify you when you become eligible, if you're not already. Note: we are preparing for a". At the bottom of the interface is a purple button with the text "START →" and a small icon of a person with a plus sign. Below the button is the text "HIPAA" with a small icon of a person with a plus sign.

CARES ACT SUMMARY: OUTREACH

- Postcards to all farmland owners ≥ 3 acres (approx. 2,300)
 - Posting on FarmKingCounty.org
 - Partner emails
 - LFI newsletter
 - Ag Commission announcements
 - Farm Bureau announcement
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CARES ACT SUMMARY: INDIVIDUAL FARM BUSINESSES

Number of Applications	Initial Estimate of Covid-related Expenses	Number that Met Qualifications	Estimated Covid-Related Expenses	Reimbursable Expenses
27	\$1,017,926	22	\$408,956	\$110,865

CARES ACT SUMMARY: SURVEY RESPONSES

Q1: overall assessment

- A+
 - The funds helped us out with a very tough business year
 - I really appreciate the aid that you were able to provide to our small family farm business
 - Good! Thank you for designating funds for farmers
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CARES ACT SUMMARY: SURVEY RESPONSES

Q2: recommended improvements

- Nothing
 - Better explanation of eligible expenses so that businesses could plan with confidence
 - Questions could be answered more quickly
 - Make it clear that the effort to apply is worth it
 - Better communication about when payment can be expected
 - Focus more on direct farm purchases for food banks and other community agencies
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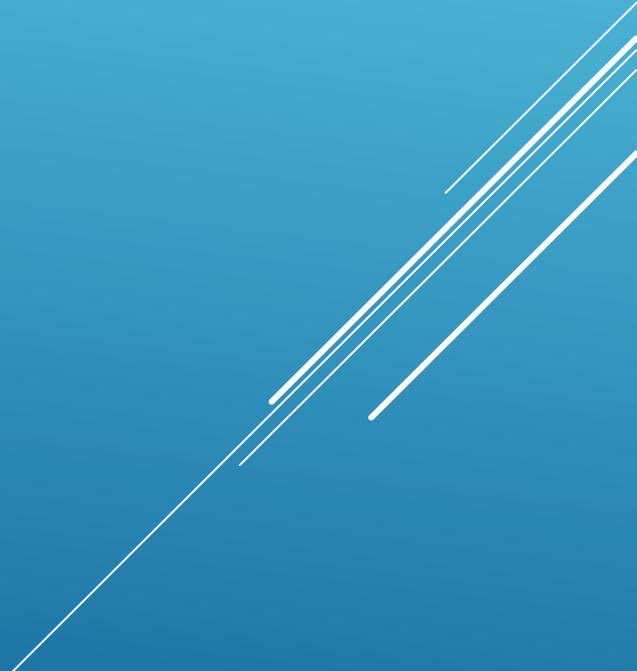
CARES ACT SUMMARY: SURVEY RESPONSES

Q3: apply again

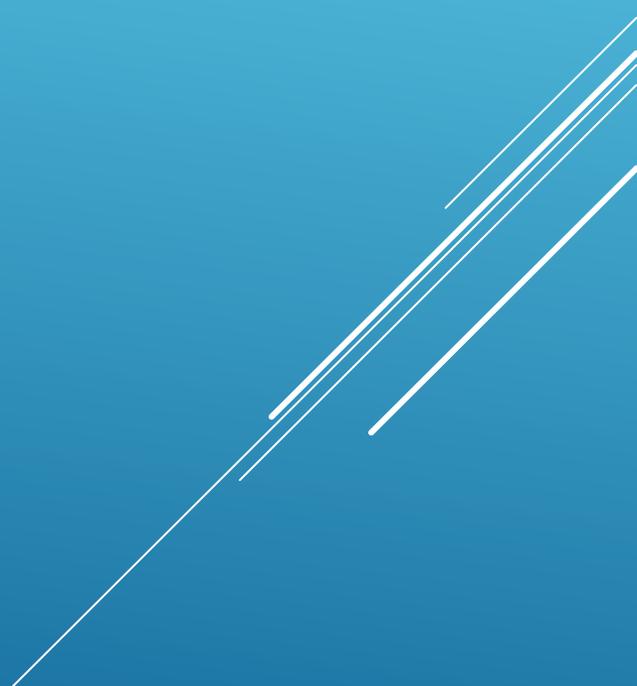
- Yes
 - I think you guys should offer more programs like this...I definitely would apply.
 - Only if the application requirements were very clear and the effort to apply was less
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CARES ACT SUMMARY: SURVEY RESPONSES

Q4: ideas about why others didn't apply

- Too much paperwork
 - Didn't know about the program
 - Didn't have a clear understanding about allowable expenses
 - Some expenses already covered by other programs
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IMPROVING COMMUNICATION WITH FARMERS AND FARMLAND OWNERS

- Postcards
 - FarmKingCounty.org
 - Partner/organization emails and announcements
 - LFI newsletter
 - Ag Commission
 - Feed and farm supply businesses
 - Social media
 - Email (e.g., GovDelivery)
 - Other ideas?
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Farmland Preservation Program

King County Agriculture Commission
March 11, 2021



Guidance and Funding

Ordinance No. 4341 (1979)

... relating to acquisition of voluntary offered interests [fee or easement] in farm and open space land in King County

- Land suitable for farming is irreplaceable natural resource
- Ag in KC provides locally grown berries, fruits, vegetables, and dairy products

Revenue sources for FPP acquisitions

- 79' Bond (Farmland and Open Space Acquisition Fund) – *fund now closed*
- Arts and Natural Resources Initiative
- State and local grants
- CFT and TDR – *two primary revenue sources used since 2014*
- Donations

FPP Responsibilities

- Manage and monitor (325 easements/15,700 acres) Deed and Agreement Related to Development Rights (“Deed”)
- Purchase new Deeds
- Apply for grant money
- Explore new easement opportunities
- Develop landowner relationships
- Landowner assistance (technical, guidance)

Deeds and Monitoring

Major Deed encumbrances

- Non-tillable restricted to 5% of property
- House occupied by owner, family, farmworker
- Construction of new buildings must be ag related
- Limit sales of separate parcels (i.e., keep farms whole)
- Restrict home size, currently 2,955sqft
- Restrict farming to food production (i.e., no turf, nursery, Christmas trees)

Monitoring

- 1/3 of properties annually
- If issues, address with owner; if necessary, take legal steps to rectify

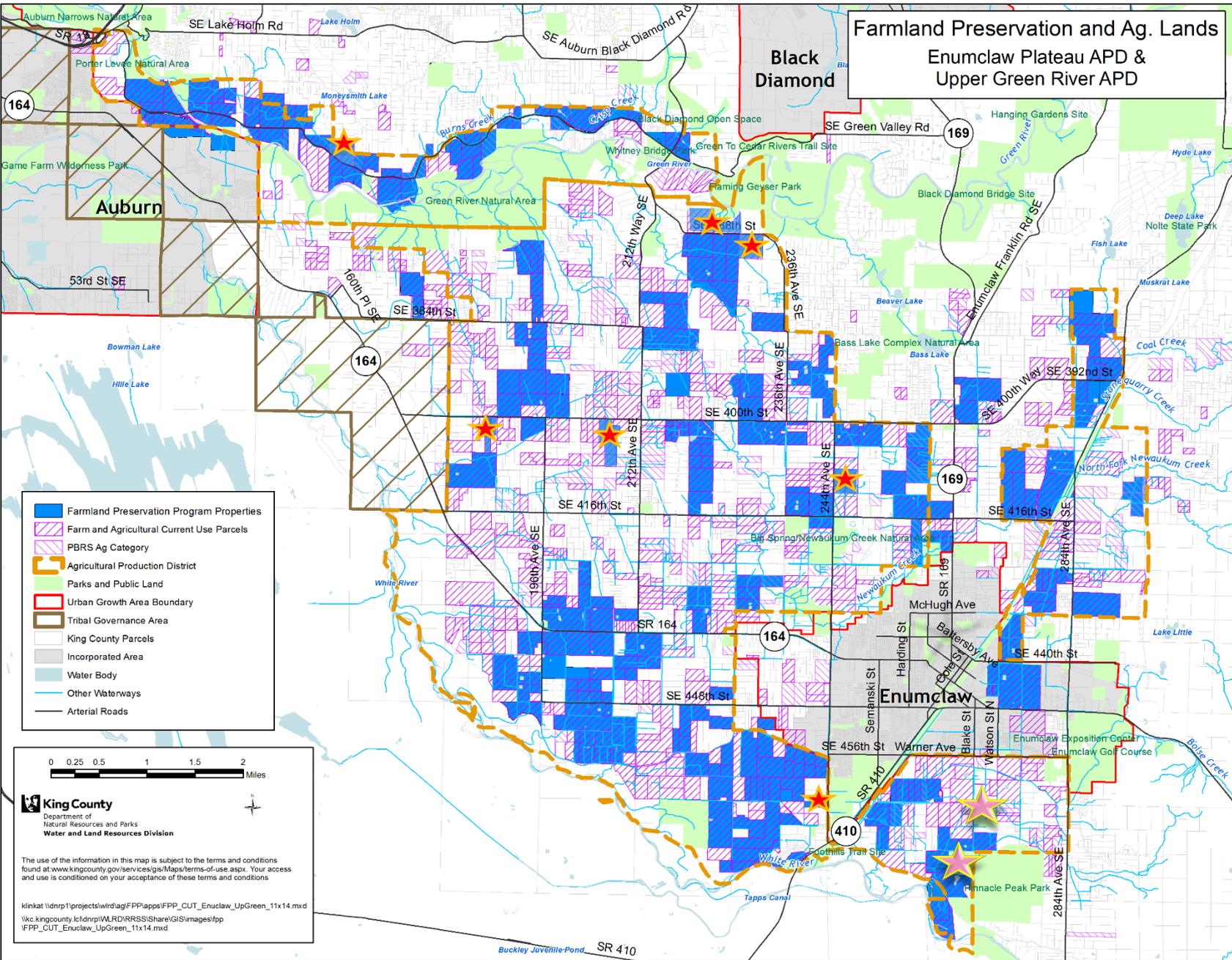
Criteria Used To Select Potential Farm

- Farmed land
- Food producing/contributes to food – Local Food Initiative
- Location in APD or agriculture/rural area
- Land Conservation Initiative targets
- Able to sell development unit
- Willing landowner

Protected Acreage

Easement purchase year	Purchase amount	Price/acre	Acreage protected
1985-1996	\$53,848,317	\$4,406	12,675
1997-2013	\$6,676,600	\$6,991	955
2014	\$542,300	\$2,358	230
2015	\$2,128,000	\$4,567	466
2016	\$1,610,000	\$5,296	304
2017	\$2,881,500	\$9,605	300
2018	\$2,310,000	\$7,219	320
2019	\$313,500	\$16,500	19
2020	\$1,809,500	\$6,072	298
Subtotal =	\$72,119,717	\$4,633	15,567
Fee simple - seven farms	\$7,905,000	\$42,048	188
TOTAL FPP =	\$80,024,717		15,755

Farmland Preservation and Ag. Lands Enumclaw Plateau APD & Upper Green River APD



- Farmland Preservation Program Properties
- Farm and Agricultural Current Use Parcels
- PBRs Ag Category
- Agricultural Production District
- Parks and Public Land
- Urban Growth Area Boundary
- Tribal Governance Area
- King County Parcels
- Incorporated Area
- Water Body
- Other Waterways
- Arterial Roads

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Buckley Juvenile Pond SR 410







Active and Potential 2021 Deed Purchases

Location of Active/Potential	Number of Farms	Farming activity	Acreage
Snoqualmie APD or near	2	Hay/silage, vegetables	94
Lower Green APD	2	Berries, vegetables	24
Upper Green APD	1	Livestock, hay/silage	70
Enumclaw APD or near	5	Beef, hay/silage, dairy	214
Vashon Island	2	Berries, orchard	50
		Total acreage =	452
Available Funding (CFT/TDR)	\$19,972,000		

Landowner Resource

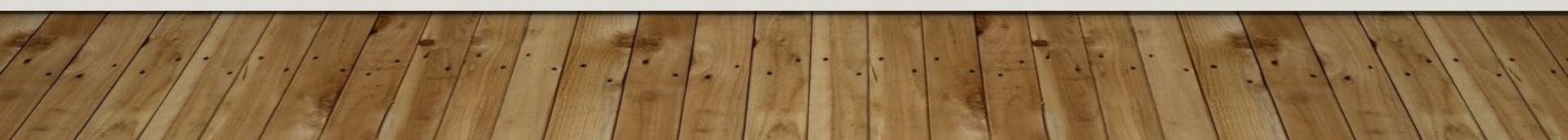
Other conservation opportunities

- Preserve and retain farmland, but also other habitat/restoration discussions

Transition planning

- Inform other easement or options

Land use

- Current use taxation
 - Permitting and Code
 - Sounding board
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Agriculture Commission Input

- Land Use Committee; guidance on new acquisitions (Fee and easement)
- Recommendation on future program priorities (i.e., rural area farms)
- Access to farmland and affordability
- Other Commission thoughts... questions?

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