



Conservation Futures Program

Puyallup-White River LIO Meeting
September 11, 2024

Background & Purpose



Est. 1991, Conservation Futures is a land preservation program.

Grant funds to purchase property

By qualified entities “receiving agency”

Throughout all of Pierce County

Types of Acquisitions



The acquisition may be **fee simple** or the purchase of lesser rights on the property with a **conservation easement**.

Funding

Conservation Futures Tax Levy (CFT) is a dedicated portion of property tax authorized by state law to conserve open space lands.

The statewide tool was created due to the “growth and spread of urban development”



Applying for Funds



Application cycles run every two years
in the odd years

The next cycle begins in 2025

Opportunity Account application for
exceptional projects under immediate
threat to submit off-cycle

Process Overview

During an application cycle, applicants will propose an open space project, identifying the conservation priorities and a plan for stewardship and where feasible public access.

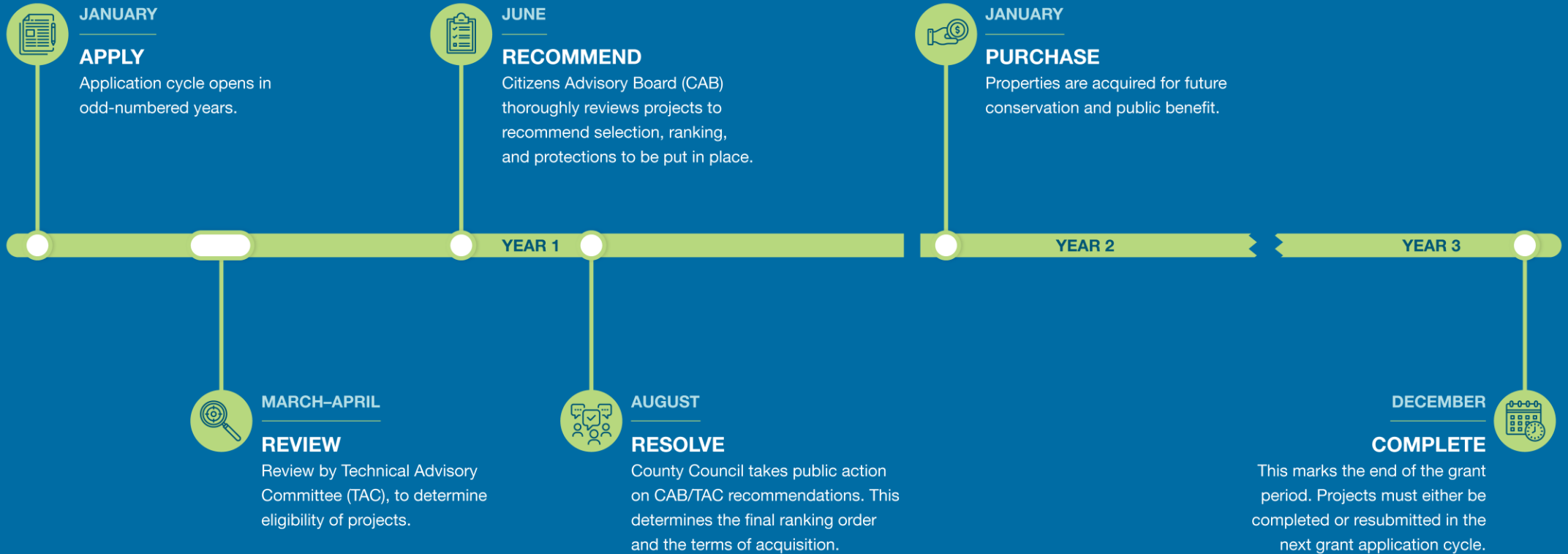
Eligible projects with greater public benefit are prioritized for funding.



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Process Timeline

CONSERVATION FUTURES PROJECT TIMELINE



Land Conservation Types



Biodiversity



**Marine &
Freshwater**



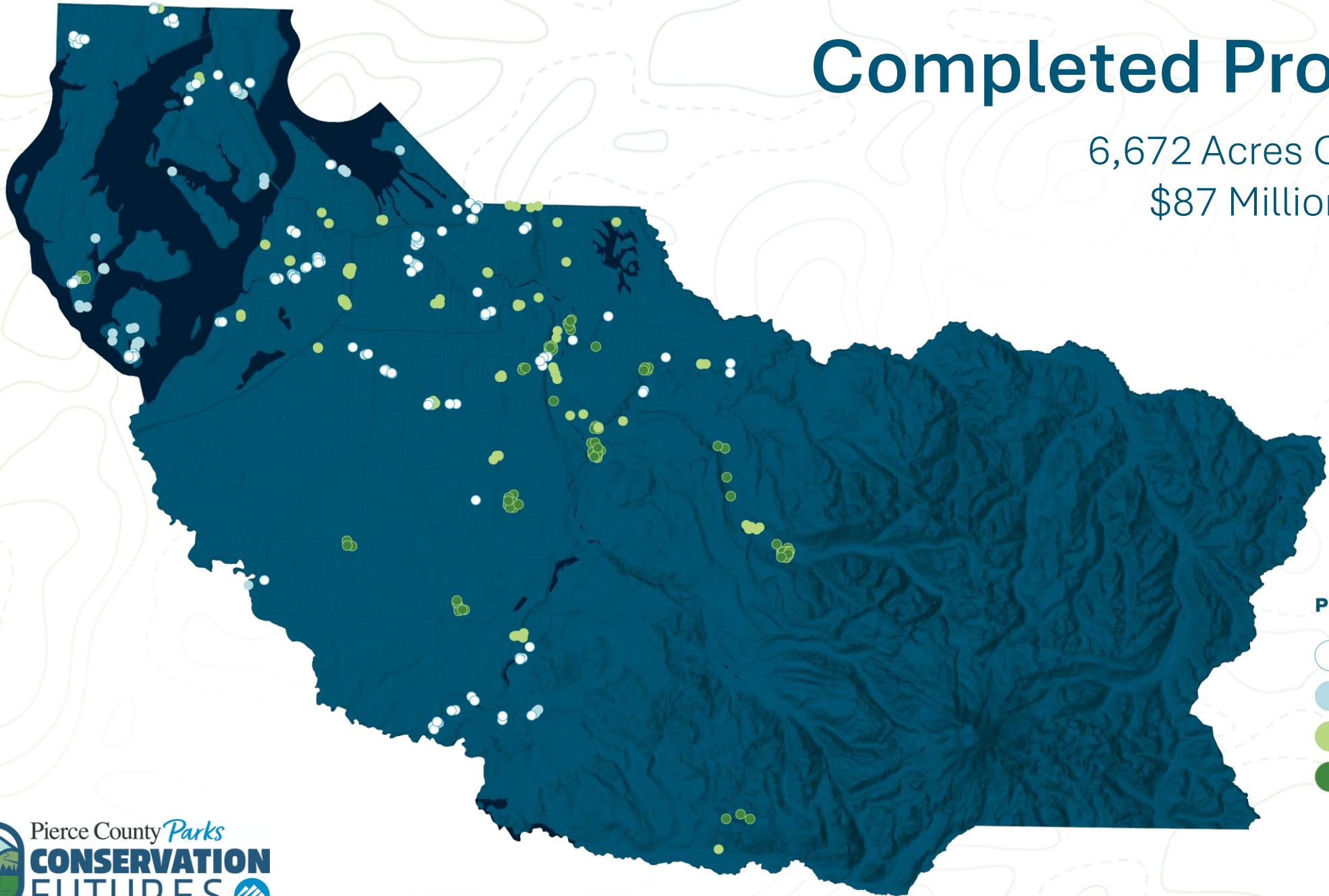
Parks & Trails




Resource Lands

Completed Projects

6,672 Acres Conserved
\$87 Million Invested



PROJECT TYPE

-  FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT
-  MARINE, RIVERS, AND LAKES
-  PARKS AND TRAILS
-  WORKING LANDS

Long-term Commitments

Completed projects include permanent legal agreements to steward and protect the property.

- Stewardship Agreement and
- Restrictive Covenants, or
- Conservation Easement



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A property management plan is required within 1 year of closing.

- Forestry plan
- Farm management plan
- Habitat stewardship plan



Parkland Prairie



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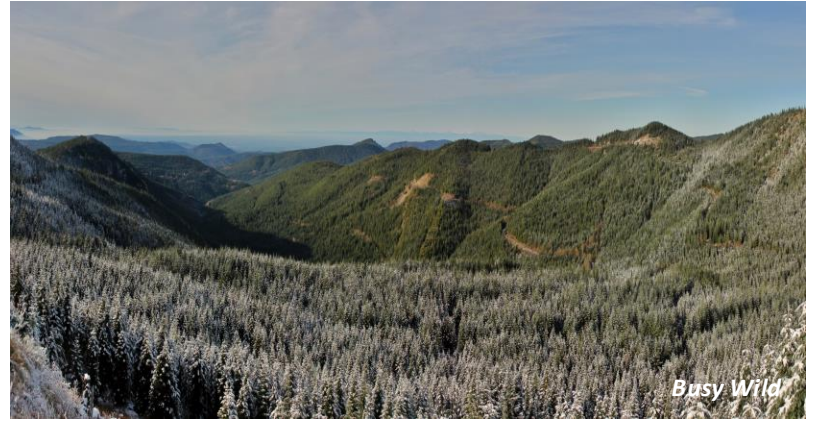
Fairfax



Foothills Trail



Fil Lucy Bay



Busy Wild



Springbrook Park

Project Examples

Thank you!

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