

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S ADVISORY GROUP ON LAND CONSERVATION

MISSION STATEMENT

As approved 9.29.16

Our region has adopted a vision of managing growth responsibly while preserving and protecting our quality of life and the environment. The issue of climate change has brought into greater focus the need to grow responsibly, while transitioning to a green and sustainable economy. Conservation of our most important natural and resource lands is a crucial element in realizing both our growth management vision, and in combatting climate change. The mission of the Advisory Group is to review the Executive's proposal to protect all remaining unprotected high conservation value lands in King County within a generation and make recommendations for a preferred approach or approaches to implement the proposal. The Advisory Group's recommendations should address:

- Any refinements proposed to the Executive's proposal
- The expected benefits of, and challenges associated with, implementation of the proposal, in particular considering the health and quality of life for County residents and race and social justice considerations
- A preferred timeline for implementation, including consideration of options to accelerate the pace of land acquisition
- The amount of private funding that can reasonably be anticipated
- Strategies for engaging private, nonprofit and NGO agencies in King County with similar land conservation goals and programs to integrate and leverage efforts where appropriate
- Preferred public funding option(s)
- Implementation strategies
- How high conservation value lands within cities should be addressed
- Implications for the County's parks system levy, which is up for renewal in 2019