



Support, Questions, Concerns,
Data needs –feedback from
Homework #1

King County Land Conservation
Advisory Group

Meeting 2
September 29, 2016

Survey responses

- 18 respondents
- All respondents answered all questions
- Most offered multiple ideas in response to each question
- Wide array of answers
- No single idea mentioned by a majority of respondents



Support for Various Components of Exec's Proposal

- Vision—preserving open space and natural lands in the County for a variety of reasons
- Engaging philanthropy and private markets in the solution, in addition to public funds
- Broad focus on potential benefits—environmental, social justice, health, etc.
- Creative, comprehensive



Questions and Concerns

- Concern about conflicting demands on public resources
- Concern about competing desires for how these lands should be used – environmental, affordable housing, farming, etc.
- How do we engage the cities—and what does that do to the acreage, funding needs, funding sources?



Questions and concerns cont'd.

- Specific funding source concerns (wide range)
- How was the land identified? How do you define “high conservation lands? Is there a priority within the lands identified?
- How can we coordinate this project with other similar efforts in King County (and adjacent counties)



Questions and concerns cont'd.

- More details about what land is involved, which parcels, who owns them
- Messaging to the public --we need to make a stronger case for why we need to do this and what happens if we don't.
- Consider alternatives – smaller scope, shorter time frame, existing sources, more private funding, etc.



Data we will need to look at

- Criteria for selecting lands, which parcels
- Examples of similar efforts
- Understanding the private-market options better
- Alternatives: shorter-term, no new funding, regulatory approach, phasing
- City impacts, city lands
- Explore viability of campaign, potential level of public support



Data we will need to look at, cont'd.

- Establishing the value proposition / return on investment / cost benefit analysis
- Developing compelling vision statement