

Advisory Group Roadmap – Questions to be Answered (DRAFT)

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<p>1. VISION/VALUE of the EXECUTIVE’s PROPOSED INITIATIVE: What are the most compelling reasons to proceed with the Executive’s initiative?</p>	
<p>2. SCOPE: What refinements to the scope of the Executive’s proposal would you suggest to the proposal, and why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What lands/categories of acquisitions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Conservation Category Definitions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Criteria for identifying land in each of these categories—<i>o.k. or refinements?</i> ▪ Include all five categories proposed? ▪ Add or delete categories? ○ <u>Scope of Identified Lands</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What additional work needs to be done, if any, to identify lands to be targeted in UNINCORPORATED AREAS? ▪ What additional work needs to be done, if any, to identify to be targeted in CITIES? • How do we ensure that the proposal addresses social equity goals? • How important are in-city acquisitions to achieving the goals/vision of the initiative, as supported by the Advisory Group? • Considerations with respect to the county parks levy renewal in 2019 which current funds regional trails and natural space acquisition and maintenance in both unincorporated areas and cities. • Questions relative to scope that can’t be resolved now that might go to a Phase 2 effort? 	
<p>3. COST: How much should we expect to spend to preserve the targeted lands?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we know enough now to set a target funding level (at least for the acquisitions targeted by King County)? If not, what additional work is needed? • What general assumptions/direction would the Advisory Group support/offer, if any, with respect to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How much land remains in <i>Conservation Use Taxation</i>? ○ How much is acquired by <i>fee versus easement</i>? ○ The <i>level of maintenance funding</i> for lands acquired in fee and managed by County Parks Division? • Most of the work to date has identified lands targeted by the county for acquisition. Work to identify city priorities is in the early stages. Do we have enough sense of the order of magnitude of funding needed for urban acquisitions to be able to make a recommendation about relative overall funding needs, or is this an area where more work is needed? • If more work is needed, what are the key questions for a “Phase 2” effort? 	

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<p>4. FUNDING SOURCES—PUBLIC: What are the preferred <u>public</u> funding source(s) for acquisition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 4 public funding sources identified, does the Advisory Group view some as being preferable to others? Is so, which ones? Why? • Should the County seek to implement acceleration strategies to preserve more land sooner? Why or why not? Is public funding likely needed for acceleration strategies? • Does the Advisory Group have any recommendations as to how regionally generated public revenues for this initiative should be allocated between unincorporated areas and cities? • Is additional information or policy decision needed before finalizing the initiative regarding these funding sources, if so, what are the key questions/decisions? 	
<p>5. FUNDING SOURCES – PRIVATE: What assumptions/next steps does the Advisory Group recommend with respect to private environmental markets and philanthropy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the Advisory Group support seeking funding support from these private sources? • What assumptions in terms of dollars (range) seems appropriate to target for these private sources? More or less than the County has initially identified? What ranges? Why? • Does the Advisory Group have any recommendations as to how regionally generated revenues for this initiative should be allocated between unincorporated areas and cities? • Should the public funding package be sized after doing more work on how much can be secured through private funding? • What additional information/work is needed on this subject? • What actions or strategies does the Advisory Group recommend in order to coordinate this Initiative with other similar private /non-profit sector initiatives? 	
<p>6. METRICS: How will we measure success?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What measures would the Advisory Group suggest be tracked? 	
<p>7. NEXT STEPS: Is a phase 2 of effort required before proceeding further?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what are the components of that work plan? • General thoughts on timeline for implementation? • Other recommendations? 	