

# Opportunity Area Projects: Supporting Materials for Data Report

Opportunity Area projects that acquire open space in underserved communities can qualify for a match waiver under the [Conservation Futures program](#) (meaning that your grant can pay 100% of the acquisition costs to buy a park) or for acquisition funding through the [Healthy Communities and Parks Fund](#). We encourage you to reach out to your grant manager at your earliest convenience to discuss your project idea.

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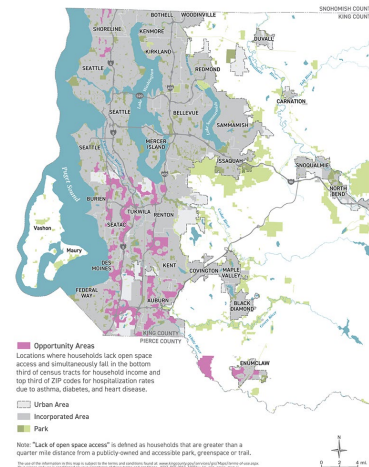
## There are two ways to qualify as an Opportunity Area Project<sup>1</sup>

### 1. Meet Three Mapped Criteria

The map image to the right shows the areas of the county that meet three mapped criteria:

- in the lowest 1/3 of census tracts for income,
- in the highest 1/3 of ZIP codes for hospitalization rates,
- and lack open space access within ¼ mile in an urban area, or within 2 miles in a rural area.

You can view qualifying areas on [interactive map viewer](#), or consult a [larger version of the map shown to the right](#).



*If your project location isn't on the map, you can apply using the method below.*

### 2. Qualitative method/"Tell us your story"

Projects located outside of the mapped areas also can qualify as being in an Opportunity Area if you can tell us how the people served by your project disproportionately experience limited open space access *and* demonstrated hardships (such as income, health, social or environmental factors; sometimes described as a lack of some of the [Determinants of Equity](#) as shown at right.)



<sup>1</sup> As defined in [King County Code 26.12.003J](#). Additional information about these methods can be found on the [Conservation Futures match waiver webpage](#).



## Additional Data Sources

As mentioned above, if you are looking for additional information beyond the data report and your knowledge of the population to be served by the project, here are some sources you may choose to consult. You are welcome to draw from these or other relevant information as you complete your application.

Topic of Interest	Source	Description
<b>Building Equity/Determinants of Equity Infographic</b>	<a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/~/media/B102A4C8AAE440F1A79BCE76986E80F5.ashx?la=en">https://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/~media/B102A4C8AAE440F1A79BCE76986E80F5.ashx?la=en</a>	Infographic discussing determinants of equity
<b>Determinants of Equity</b>	<a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/~media/elected/executive/equity-social-justice/2015/The_Determinants_of_Equity_Report.ashx">https://www.kingcounty.gov/~media/elected/executive/equity-social-justice/2015/The_Determinants_of_Equity_Report.ashx</a>	King County Determinants of Equity Report
<b>Census Viewer</b>	<a href="https://kingcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=70a97e804e9b4991846cda2242985272">https://kingcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=70a97e804e9b4991846cda2242985272</a>	King County Census Data Viewer
<b>Income &amp; Demographics</b>	<a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/equity-social-justice/tools-resources/maps.aspx">https://www.kingcounty.gov/elected/executive/equity-social-justice/tools-resources/maps.aspx</a>	Map of King County Demographics
<b>State Environmental Health Disparities</b>	<a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/WashingtonTrackingNetworkWTN/InformationbyLocation/WashingtonEnvironmentalHealthDisparitiesMap">https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/WashingtonTrackingNetworkWTN/InformationbyLocation/WashingtonEnvironmentalHealthDisparitiesMap</a>	Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map
<b>School Health Data</b>	<a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/DataSystems/HealthyYouthSurvey/DataRequest">https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/DataSystems/HealthyYouthSurvey/DataRequest</a>  <a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/data/school-district-health-profiles.aspx">https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/data/school-district-health-profiles.aspx</a>	Washington State Department of Health “Healthy Use Survey.” Individuals may be able to request their neighborhood school data.
<b>School Demographics &amp; School Languages</b>	<a href="http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/DataDownload.aspx">http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/DataDownload.aspx</a> <a href="http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/summary.aspx?groupLevel=District&amp;schoolId=1&amp;reportLevel=State&amp;years=2017-18&amp;year=2017-18">http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/summary.aspx?groupLevel=District&amp;schoolId=1&amp;reportLevel=State&amp;years=2017-18&amp;year=2017-18</a> <a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/default.aspx">http://www.k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/default.aspx</a>	WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Individuals may be able to request or find their neighborhood school data.
<b>Exposure to Pollutants</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/what-ejscreen">https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/what-ejscreen</a>	Environmental Protection Agency “EJ Screen” (EJ = Environmental Justice). Compiles data for pollutant exposure.
<b>Renter Density</b>	<a href="https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_17_1YR_S1702&amp;prodType=table">https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_17_1YR_S1702&amp;prodType=table</a>  <a href="https://www.ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/adjusted-2000-population-and-housing-structure-type-and-group-quarters-state-counties-cities-and-towns">https://www.ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/adjusted-2000-population-and-housing-structure-type-and-group-quarters-state-counties-cities-and-towns</a>	American Community Survey data on owner/renter occupied.  Percent multi-family housing type in Washington OFM data.

<b>RCO Match Reduction</b>	<a href="https://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/MatchReduction.shtml">https://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/MatchReduction.shtml</a>	Match reduction eligibility for a state-wide grant program. See Interactive Map to view data for your area. RCO Match Reduction information does not correlate with qualifying for a CFT match waiver.
<b>4 Themes of Social Vulnerability</b>	<a href="https://svi.cdc.gov/factsheet.html">https://svi.cdc.gov/factsheet.html</a>	CDC's Social Vulnerability Index: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Socioeconomic status</li> <li>2. Household Composition</li> <li>3. Race/Ethnicity/Language</li> <li>4. Housing/Transportation</li> </ol>
<b>Community Crime Statistics</b>	<a href="https://www.crimereports.com/">https://www.crimereports.com/</a>	King County Sheriff's Office
<b>Community Health Indicator Data</b>	<a href="https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/initiatives/best-starts-for-kids/dashboards.aspx">https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/initiatives/best-starts-for-kids/dashboards.aspx</a>	King County Public Health – Best Starts for Kids (BSK) data
<b>"Communities Count" Social &amp; Health Indicator Data of King County</b>	<a href="http://www.communitiescount.org">http://www.communitiescount.org</a>	Various Public Agencies across King County
<b>Washington Tracking Network: A Source for Environmental Public Health Data</b>	<a href="https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/wtn/WTNIBL">https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/wtn/WTNIBL</a>	Managed by Washington State Department of Health
<b>Communities of Opportunity</b>	<a href="https://www.coopartnerships.org/health">https://www.coopartnerships.org/health</a> <a href="https://www.coopartnerships.org/housing">https://www.coopartnerships.org/housing</a> <a href="https://www.coopartnerships.org/economic-opportunity">https://www.coopartnerships.org/economic-opportunity</a>	Various datasets compiled by Communities of Opportunity
<b>Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard</b>	<a href="https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/housing/affordable-housing-committee/data.aspx">https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/housing/affordable-housing-committee/data.aspx</a> and <a href="#">mapping project</a>	Affordable housing information, produced by the King County Affordable Housing Committee (e.g. see "Measuring Impact>Goal 5: Displacement" section)
<b>PSRC Regional Displacement Risk Map</b>	<a href="https://www.psrc.org/displacement-risk-mapping">https://www.psrc.org/displacement-risk-mapping</a>	Puget Sound Regional Council mapping tool and report identifying areas where residents and businesses are at greater
<b>Port of Seattle Equity Index mapping tool</b>	<a href="https://www.portseattle.org/events/port-seattle-equity-index-training-growing-inclusive-communities">https://www.portseattle.org/events/port-seattle-equity-index-training-growing-inclusive-communities</a>  <a href="http://caimaps.info">Home Page - CAI Live (caimaps.info)</a>	Equity Index mapping tool to understand social and environmental disparities that exist within the region to help direct resources towards the areas of greatest need