



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**December 16, 2003**

**Motion 11854**

**Proposed No.** 2003-0467.1

**Sponsors** Phillips

1           A MOTION identifying projects to be funded under Public  
2           Law 106-393, Title III, the Secure Rural Schools and Self-  
3           Determination Act of 2000, and allocating to those projects  
4           the funds to be received from the federal government for  
5           federal fiscal year 2004, which begins October 13, 2003.

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8           WHEREAS, in 1908 the United States Congress enacted and subsequently  
9           amended a law that requires that twenty-five percent of the revenues derived from  
10          national forest lands be paid to states for use by the counties in which the lands are  
11          situated for the benefit of public schools and roads, and

12          WHEREAS, the sharing of revenues from the national forest lands is, in part, a  
13          recognition that these lands are not subject to local taxation, and also that counties  
14          provide services that directly benefit the lands and the people who use the lands, and

15          WHEREAS, the principal source of revenues from national forest lands is from  
16          the sale and removal of timber, which has been sharply curtailed in recent years, with a  
17          corresponding decline in revenues shared with counties, and

18           WHEREAS, the United States Congress in the Secure Rural Schools and Self  
19           Determination Act of 2000, P.L. 106-393, recognized a need to stabilize education and  
20           road maintenance funding through predictable payments to the affected counties, job  
21           creation in those counties, and other opportunities associated with restoration,  
22           maintenance and stewardship of federal lands, and

23           WHEREAS, P.L. 106-393 provides for guaranteed minimum payments for the  
24           benefit of affected counties, as well as an opportunity to invest a portion of the  
25           guaranteed minimum payments in projects on federal lands or that benefit resources on  
26           federal lands, or in county projects or activities, and

27           WHEREAS, Title I, Section 102 of P.L. 106-393 gives each eligible county the  
28           right to elect to receive either its traditional share of revenues from the national forest  
29           lands or instead to receive the guaranteed minimum amount, also known as the "full  
30           payment amount," and

31           WHEREAS, the full payment amount for King County for federal fiscal year  
32           2004 is approximately \$2,335,800, and

33           WHEREAS, any county electing to receive the full payment amount must further  
34           elect to expend an amount not less than fifteen percent nor more than twenty percent of  
35           its full payment amount as project funds, and

36           WHEREAS, counties electing to receive the full payment amount must allocate  
37           its project funds for expenditure between projects in accordance with Title II of P.L. 106-  
38           393 and projects in accordance with Title III of P.L. 106-393, and

39           WHEREAS, Title II of P.L. 106-393 provides for special projects on federal lands  
40 or that benefit resources on federal lands, which projects are recommended by local  
41 resource advisory committees, and

42           WHEREAS, Title III of P.L. 106-393 provides for county projects or services,  
43 some of which are associated with the federal lands, with Title III authorizing  
44 expenditures for search, rescue and emergency services, staffing of community service  
45 work camps, the purchase of easements, forest related educational opportunities, fire  
46 prevention and county planning and community forestry pursuant to the Cooperative  
47 Forest Assistance Act of 1978, and

48           WHEREAS, King County elected to receive the full payment amount, and further  
49 elected to expend twenty percent of the full payment amount on projects, communicating  
50 these elections by letter to the Washington State Association of Counties, forwarded to  
51 the governor of the state of Washington, and

52           WHEREAS, Motion 11618, passed December 9, 2002, describes the county  
53 elections to date, and approved the Title III projects for federal fiscal year 2003, and

54           WHEREAS, twenty percent of the full payment amount for federal fiscal year  
55 2004 is approximately \$466,000, and this amount can be divided between Title II and  
56 Title III projects, and

57           WHEREAS, the executive budget proposal for 2004 appropriates funds to  
58 departments to pay for the Title III projects described in this motion, all of which meet  
59 the requirements of Title III, and

60 WHEREAS, Title III of P.L.106-393 requires a forty-five day public comment  
61 period before approval of Title III projects by the county, and King County published  
62 descriptions of the proposed projects forty-five days before the passage of this motion;

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

64 A. King County hereby elects to allocate 17.6 percent of the full payment amount  
65 from the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2003, which is approximately \$410,000,  
66 to Title III projects described in subsections C, D and E of this motion.

67 B. The remaining 2.4 percent of the full payment amount, which is approximately  
68 \$56,000, is to be retained by the United States Secretary of Agriculture for Title II  
69 projects to be submitted by the resource advisory committee, established according to the  
70 terms of Title II.

71 C. King County hereby authorizes the use of \$170,000 of Title III funds to  
72 partially fund a youth forestry education program, administered by the Washington State  
73 University Cooperative Extension and Earthcorps, which will provide leadership training  
74 and technical skills in forest restoration to high school students.

75 D. King County hereby authorizes the use of \$120,000 of Title III funds to  
76 partially fund the urban and community forestry program in the water and land resources  
77 division to assist in the conservation and restoration of urban forest resources through  
78 technical assistance and by providing grants for community forestry projects.

79 E. King County hereby authorizes the use of \$120,000 of Title III funds to

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80 partially reimburse the King County sheriff's office for expenses incurred performing  
81 search and rescue operations on federal land.  
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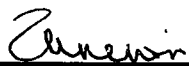
Motion 11854 was introduced on 10/20/2003 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/15/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments** A. The 2004 ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program WSU Cooperative Extension King County and EarthCorps, B. Urban Forestry Program Water and Land Resources Division King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks-Program Summary, C. King County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue

**The 2004 ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program  
WSU Cooperative Extension King County and EarthCorps**

*"EarthCorps' community-based approach makes it easy and fun for young people to get involved, and also provides them with the leadership skills to continue their stewardship beyond the project. The Seattle Foundation is proud to recognize this fine organization for their outstanding efforts."*

- Anne Farrell, Seattle Foundation CEO

The Outreach and Restoration Community Apprenticeship (ORCA) 4-H Youth Education Program addresses the intersection of youth at risk<sup>1</sup> and forest environments at risk in King County. ORCA enables participants to learn about forest ecology, earn life and work skills, and return restored forest environments to their communities. ORCA directly benefits two age groups of young people as well as the larger community and the local environment.

*"Your program has allowed my students, 74% of whom are on free and reduced lunch, to become stewards of our forest and also the community. Through your work, these kids, many of whom are at risk, have something in their lives that is stable, and always there --- the forest. Your program has instilled in them responsibility for caring and nurturing something that they can have control over."* - Jan Hunt, Educator

**The 2004 ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program**

The ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program is a joint effort between EarthCorps and Washington State University (WSU) Cooperative Extension- King County. The program that trains Apprentices (ages 18-24) to conduct youth development in forestry education and restoration among underserved youth in King County. Youth programs are developed and managed by Apprentices. Apprentices focus on youth and community outreach, volunteer management, and the technical field skills associated with ecological restoration.

*"When something so spectacular happens in our park, it always seems that EarthCorps was involved."*

-Liz Kearns, Community Member

**Goals and Outcomes of the ORCA 4-H Youth Education Program**

The foundation of the ORCA Youth Development Program is experiential learning. Participants learn through hands-on, field-based learning. Participants learn professionalism and accountability by being part of a working team, and adhering to program policies and high standards of quality.

**ORCA Goal #1: Provide project-based forestry/environmental education to underserved youth in King County.**

*"When I first went to the forest, I really didn't care about it. But when I met EarthCorps everything changed. Now I care about the forest because they taught us the forest can do something for you. The trees breathe carbon dioxide and we breathe oxygen. So the trees give us oxygen."* -Morena, Student

**Outcome highlights:**

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<sup>1</sup> Youth targeted by this program are defined as youth that are at risk of not fulfilling their potential as responsible, productive, and contributing members of society. Some of the risk factors include but are not limited to circumstances such as non-traditional family structure, living below the poverty line, one or more parents not completing high school, or working parents lacking time to nurture the growth and development of their child. While youth at risk are targeted, this is not a requirement for participation in program activities.

- Involved **5,000+ youth (K-12)** in one-day service learning forestry projects in urban and rural King County.
- **Engaged 150 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students** in year-long forest restoration and education program. **165 students will be involved during the 2003-2004 school year.**
- Worked with **12 middle and high school students** over the course of a school year on various forestry restoration projects as part of the stipended youth portion of ORCA. **This number will rise to 48 during the 2003-2004 school year.**
- Employed **36 Latino youth** in a drug and alcohol counseling program in summer work programs.
- Provided three-to-seven-day camping and environmental service opportunities for 13-17 year-old youth.

#### **ORCA Goal #2: Develop life and work skills training for participants.**

##### **Outcome highlights:**

- Delivered **300+ hours of professional-level training** in forest restoration, youth development, and project management to Apprentices.
- Forest restoration service projects were used by teachers to meet academic requirements in science, math, communication, reading, writing, and social studies.
- **Improved work readiness skills** of middle and high school youth (punctuality, problem-solving, conflict resolution, and communication as well as practical forest restoration skills like ecology, tool use and safety, and volunteer management).

#### **ORCA Goal #3: Restore forest environments in King County**

##### **Outcome highlights:**

- Dearborn Park (south Seattle): **1 acre restored** (invasive plants removed and revegetated with native trees, shrubs, and ground covers. **140 feet of new trail** built to access ravine overlook.
- Cheasty Greenspace (south Seattle): **.75 acre** being restored (invasives removed, planting to begin in Fall 2003). **An additional 2 acres will be restored during the 2003-2004 school year.**
- Snoqualmie Basin: **3 acres** of work spread across various sites along the Snoqualmie River.
- Additional projects took place in White Center, Federal Way, Bothell, Redmond, Snoqualmie, North Bend, and Issaquah.

#### **ORCA Goal #4: Enable underserved communities to take action and make positive changes in their neighborhood green spaces**

##### **Outcome highlights:**

- Youth from Van Asselt Community Center **planned and managed a volunteer event for 30 people.**
- Youth who participated in the summer camping and forest ecology program **developed a project to plant street trees in the Delridge/White Center neighborhoods**, to be carried out Fall 2003.
- Dearborn Park Elementary students hosted a **"Reforestation Celebration" for parents and neighbors** featuring forest tours and a Powerpoint presentation showcasing their restoration project.
- Snoqualmie Tribe youth conducted **invasive plant removal and planted trees in the Snoqualmie River basin in cooperation with King County Department of Natural Resources.**
- **Nationally recognized social scientist Kathleen Wolf of University of Washington is being funded by the USFS to develop evaluation tools to measure the social impacts of forestry education and service based on work with this program.** Dr. Wolf has presented nationally on this project and has discussed the project with Mark Buscaino, the recently hired national Director for Urban and Community Forestry for the US Forest Service.

**Urban Forestry Program**  
**Water and Land Resources Division**  
**King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks**

**Program Summary**

King County has seen a steady decrease in the extent of the area's tree canopy in recent decades. Nowhere is this loss more acute than in communities within the Urban Growth Boundary, where population increases and urban development are concentrated. The expansion of urban areas and accompanying loss of trees has affected the health of watersheds by increasing the levels of pollutants entering waterways and damaging salmon and wildlife habitats.

King County's Urban Forestry Program seeks to reverse the decline in tree cover and to promote public understanding of the environmental, social, and economic benefits of trees and forests. The program provides resources for managing urban forests in the watersheds of King County and together with the County's rural forestry program efforts, helps to create and/or protect green spaces that provide forested habitat from the urban to the rural area.

The Urban Forestry Program provides services through four primary activity areas:

- **Outreach**  
We provide information on the environmental, social and economic benefits of trees through published materials, workshops, Internet resources and participation in cooperative efforts on the regional and state levels. The Urban Forestry Coordinator represents King County on the Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Council.
- **Grants**  
We offer grants to projects that enhance the health of watersheds by planting trees, controlling invasive exotic plants and improving wildlife habitat in urban areas.
- **Capacity Building**  
We enable citizens to serve as stewards of urban trees and forests by providing training and technical assistance. Through the Natural Resource Stewardship Network we partner with other government agencies and educational institutions to ensure that volunteer organizations have the help they need to complete high quality environmental projects.
- **Underserved Communities**  
The Urban Forestry Program is perhaps unique among King County environmental programs in that it has chosen to focus a portion of its resources on reaching out to new and under-represented audiences such as youth, minority populations and economically disadvantaged communities. We work with partner agencies and businesses to provide technical assistance and grants for projects in densely populated areas where the need for improvements in quality of life, public health and environment is greatest.

The Urban Forestry Program is supported by grants from the USDA Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program and the Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program. The requested \$120,000 in Title III funds will serve as match to these grants and will ensure the Water and Land Resources Division's ability to continue the Urban Forestry Program.



### **King County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue**

The King County Sheriff's Office is required by state law to provide search & rescue services to King County. This is a service unique in King County to the Sheriff's Office. In addition, this service enhances King County's ability to respond to other emergencies and disasters, including natural events and terrorist incidents. This proposal will allow the Sheriff's Office to continue to provide search and rescue services at an acceptable level, improve the Unit's technical capability to locate and rescue lost and injured people, and support King County Government and all other county government agencies in those situations. This proposal will also make these services more cost effective by reducing the time required to locate and rescue victims and to assess emergency and disaster situations.

This proposal is for \$120,000 of Title III funds under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393. Funds will be used to reimburse the Sheriff's Office for some of the costs related to search, rescue, and emergency service activities on federal land. Historically, 65% of the Sheriff's search and rescue activity is on federal land.