# Land and Water Legacy Program
# Funding Guidelines
### December 9, 2010

To receive county funds a project must meet one of the purposes specified in the funding referendum: improving water quality of rivers, lakes and streams; protecting drinking water sources; purchasing parkland; preserving wetlands and woodlands; and protecting land along water bodies from development.

The amount of funds the county would contribute to a project is dependent upon the conversation values and the degree of public access provided and is determined on a case-by-case basis. The amount of public access desired depends upon the nature of the project. The specified % is the recommended amount of the actual project cost that the county would contribute; the county At its sole discretion, the county reserves the right to contribute a higher or lower amount or to not contribute any funds toward a project.

| Recommended % of County Contribution* | | | | |
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| | Competitive Program | Local Match Program | Parkland Purchase | |
| | | | Regional Park** | County Park |
| Conservation Purpose | | | | |
| Meets a priority conservation focus | 100% | X | 100% | 100% |
| Land Protection Score 26 - 30 | 100% | X | 100% | 100% |
| Land Protection Score 16 - 25 | 80% | X | 80% | 80% |
| Land Protection Score 9-15 | 60% | X | 60% | 60% |
| Land Protection Score 6-8 | 40% | X | 40% | 40% |
| Land Protection Score 3-5 | 20% | X | 20% | 20% |
| No score | 5% | X | 5% | 5% |
| Public Access | | | | |
| Public Access Desired*** | Y/N | Y/N | NA | NA |
| Full Public Access | 100% | 50% | 100% | 100% |
| Limited Public Access | 50% | 25% | NA | NA |
| Public Access Not Granted | 34% | 17% | NA | NA |

*The county encourages cost-sharing on all projects. Cost-sharing could be local levy dollars; federal, state or other grants; or landowner donation of value. Some grants require a certain percent of local match. This requirement will be taken into consideration when determining the county's contribution to a project.

** All parkland purchases within regional parks are eligible for a 75% match from the Metropolitan Council up to a maximum per year. If Metropolitan Council funds are not available the county could contribute 100% of the project cost or defer the purchase until the following year when funds become available.

*** If yes, the percentages below would be applied to those associated with the Conservation Purpose percentage.

Full public access may be desirable on lands that have current or future recreational potential. Full public access includes situations where 1. the general public has access to the entire parcel with minimal constraints on when and where access is allowed; 2. public access is provided over a limited portion of the protected property; or 3. the project provides for the construction of a recreational facility such as a trail or rest stop over a portion of the protected property.

Limited public access generally includes situations where the land is not owned by the public but the landowner is willing to provide for limited public access under controlled, prearranged conditions.

Public access may not be desired in situations such as where 1. the existence of rare species or sensitive habitat or other environmental reasons warrant restricting public access; 2. no public recreational opportunity exists; 3. the parcel's location doesn't allow for public access; or 4. public access would be incompatible with the current use of the property.