

A Ballot Referendum on Land Conservation Funding – November 7, 2006

COUNTY QUESTION

PRESESRVATION OF WATER QUALITY, WOODLANDS, AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES

In favor of authorizing Washington County to issue general obligation bonds in one or more issues in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 to acquire and improve land and interests in land, for the purposes of improving water quality of rivers, lakes and streams; protecting drinking water sources; purchasing parklands; preserving wetlands and woodlands; and protecting land along water bodies from development, with spending reviewed by a citizens' advisory committee and subject to an annual audit?

Yes

No

BY VOTING 'YES' ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

This proposal would cost approximately \$12 per year for ten years for each \$100,000 in property value on most property types. Agricultural land and noncommercial seasonal properties currently are exempt from the tax. The maximum amount of the increased tax levy as a percentage of market value would be 0.0111% and the maximum amount that would be raised by the new tax rate in the first year to be levied would be \$2,600,000.