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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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October 13, 2015

Mr. Laurence Reeves  
Capital Land Trust  
209 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. E., Ste. 205

Dear Mr. Reeves:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners has approved \$600,000 from the Conservation Futures fund for acquisition of the Darlin Creek property of approximately 313 acres (as described in Capitol Land Trust's 2015 application). The Board agreed to fund the Darlin Creek acquisition provided that the acquisition transaction is completed no later than December 31, 2017.

Thurston County understands that Capitol Land Trust will purchase this property with additional monies from the State and that the Conservation Futures funds are critical to fund the project. The County also understands that if the property's appraised value is less than anticipated or additional funds become available to fund the project, any excess funds will be returned to the Conservation Futures fund.

Please note that you will need to complete a conservation agreement with Thurston County prior to the release of Conservation Futures funds. You should submit a draft for County review no later than August 31, 2017. Also, note that invoices for Conservation Futures funds must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the escrow closing date. It is the applicant's responsibility to be aware of project deadlines and to submit project documents on time.

Thank you for your interest in the Thurston County Conservation Futures program. Please contact Andrew Deffobis in our Resource Stewardship Department at (360) 786-5467 or [deffoba@co.thurston.wa.us](mailto:deffoba@co.thurston.wa.us) should you have any questions about this award.

Sincerely,

  
Cathy Wolfe, Chair

  
Bud Blake, Vice-Chair