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COMMUNITY PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Creating Solutions for Our Future

Joshua Cummings, Director

December 12, 2023

Daniel Einstein, Land Conservation Director Olympia Ecosystems 1107 West Bay Drive NW, Suite 101A Olympia, WA 98502

Dear Mr. Einstein:

SUBJECT: 2023 Thurston County Conservation Futures Grant Program Award Letter

Congratulations! The Board of County Commissioners (Board) has awarded Olympia Ecosystems \$121,500 from the Conservation Futures fund to support the Lower Deschutes River Floodplain Expansion project, which includes the acquisition of approximately 61.3 acres (APN 44170000001, 44141500000, 44140100000, 11707230000, and 11707320000).

The Board agreed to provide funds for the Lower Deschutes River Floodplain Expansion project with the condition that the following be completed prior to **June 30, 2024:**

- 1. Receipt of invoice for all project costs.
- 2. Disbursement of County funds via check or escrow deposit.
- 3. Execution of a Conservation Agreement with the County. The applicant shall be responsible for recording the document with the Thurston County Auditor's Office at the time of real estate closing.

A copy of the Conservation Futures Administrative Guidelines is attached to the digital version of this letter for your reference. Changes to the scope or nature of this project may require further approval by the Board. It is the applicants' responsibility to be aware of all Conservation Futures program requirements and timelines associated with this award.

Thank you for your interest in the Thurston County Conservation Futures program. Please contact Andrew Deffobis, Senior Planner in Community Planning & Economic Development at

3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Suite 100, Olympia, Washington 98501-2043 (360) 786-5490/FAX (360) 754-2939 TTY/TDD call 711 or 1-800-833-6388 Website: https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/community-planning-and-economic-development

(360) 786-5467 or Andrew.Deffobis@co.Thurston.wa.us should you have any questions about this award.

Carolina Mejia, Chair

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Attachment via email