

CASE STUDY

CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WA

The City of Issaquah leveraged verified carbon credits for over \$200,000 in funding for forest conservation and stewardship in Issaquah, WA.

Background

The City of Issaquah is in western Washington and home to about 40,000 residents. With its unique location – nestled amongst forested hillsides at the foot of the Cascade mountain range – environmental stewardship has long been a goal of the City.

About the Harvey Manning Park Expansion Project

The Harvey Manning Forest is situated within the Issaquah city limits and the Greater Seattle urban growth area. The 100-year-old mixed evergreen-deciduous forest was threatened by conversion to a 57-lot residential development.

By protecting this forest, the City is expanding a large forested corridor on Cougar Mountain, with benefits for both people and the environment. The expanded park increases recreational opportunities for residents, creates contiguous wildlife habitat, and protects waterways that feed into salmon-bearing streams.

Carbon Credit Opportunity

A new funding source

With carbon crediting as a supporting revenue source, the City was able preserve and steward an urban forestland under threat of development. In addition to generating goodwill from the community, protecting this area, in part through carbon crediting, aligns with the City's recently launched Climate Action Plan.



AT A GLANCE

Year Registered: 2021

Size: 15 acres

Location: Issaquah, WA

Project Credits: 6,409 tons CO₂

Staff Time: 60 hours

Issaquah Credits Sold (2022):
6,409 tons CO₂

Issaquah Gross Revenue (2022):
\$218,000

Average Price per Credit: \$34

Registry Fees: \$22,000

"Carbon crediting for urban areas is a new revenue source to invest right back into protecting and stewarding our forests."

**- Jeff Watling, Parks and Community Services Director,
City of Issaquah**