

KING CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Financial Help for Forest Landowners: Landowner Incentive Program Overview

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Today's webinar outline:

- KCD as an organization
- KCD Forest Management staff
- Historical context
- LIP overview/requirements
- LIP project overview
- Summary and Q&A
- Additional resources

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} The why
} The how
} The what and when
} The “Huh?”



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KCD Forest Management Staff

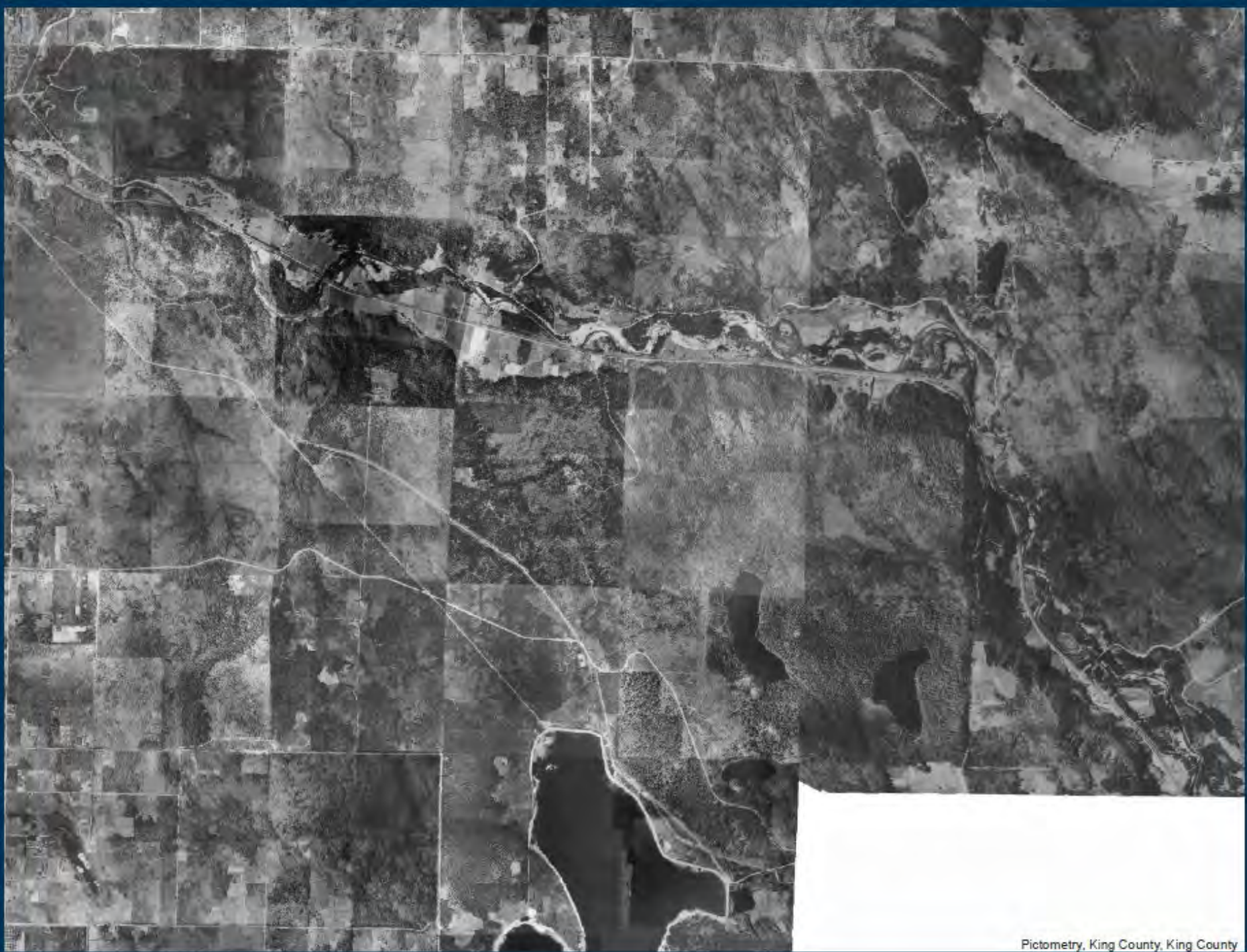
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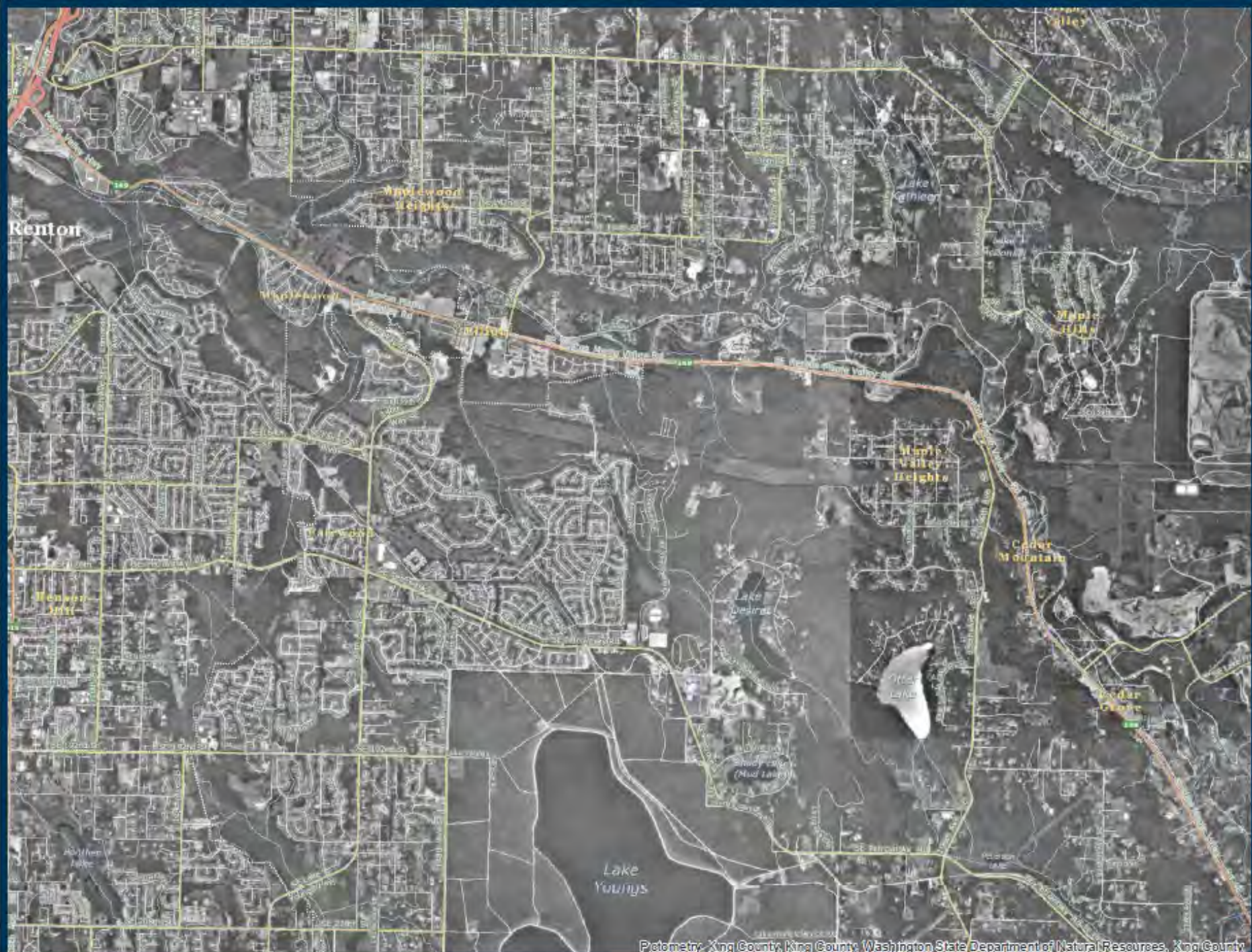


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LIP – Landowner Incentive Program

- What is it?
- Who is eligible?
- What are the requirements?

Break for questions



LIP – What is it?

- Financial assistance piece of the KCD puzzle
- 75% reimbursement program, up to allocated budget
- Lower barriers to active forest management
- Help landowners be effective land managers
- Program goal – enhance forest natural resources
- Contractual agreement between KCD and landowners



LIP – Who is eligible?

- King County landowners
- Have a current (<5 years old) Forest Stewardship Plan approved by King County
 - Allows for slight regulatory flexibility
 - Help landowners implement their stewardship plans
- “I want to do A/B/C to manage my forest, but can’t because of X/Y/Z”



LIP – What are the requirements?

- 15-year practice lifetime
- Ongoing maintenance
 - Continued control of invasive weeds
 - Replanting if mortality occurs
- 25% cost-share
- Follow-up site visits from KCD throughout practice lifetime
- Annual photo submission



Any questions before we continue?



Forest Health Management Projects

- What do they look like?
- How long do they take?
- What do landowners need to do before/during/after?
- What does project success look like?



Forest Health Management Projects

What do they look like?

- Site preparation – e.g. brush control, mowing, thinning, invasive species treatment
- Replanting – only native species
- Maintenance



Forest Health Management Projects

How long do they take?

- Installation – Initial site preparation and planting
- Maintenance – Two phases
 - “Ours” – approximately 3 years
 - “Yours” – approximately 12 years
- Forests are living systems, no clear ‘end’



Forest Health Management Projects

What do landowners need to do...

- **Before?**
 - Clearly defined goals
 - Get involved with your woods!
- **During?**
 - Clear and responsive communication
- **After?**
 - Continued maintenance of practice
 - Annual submission of project photos



Forest Health Management Projects

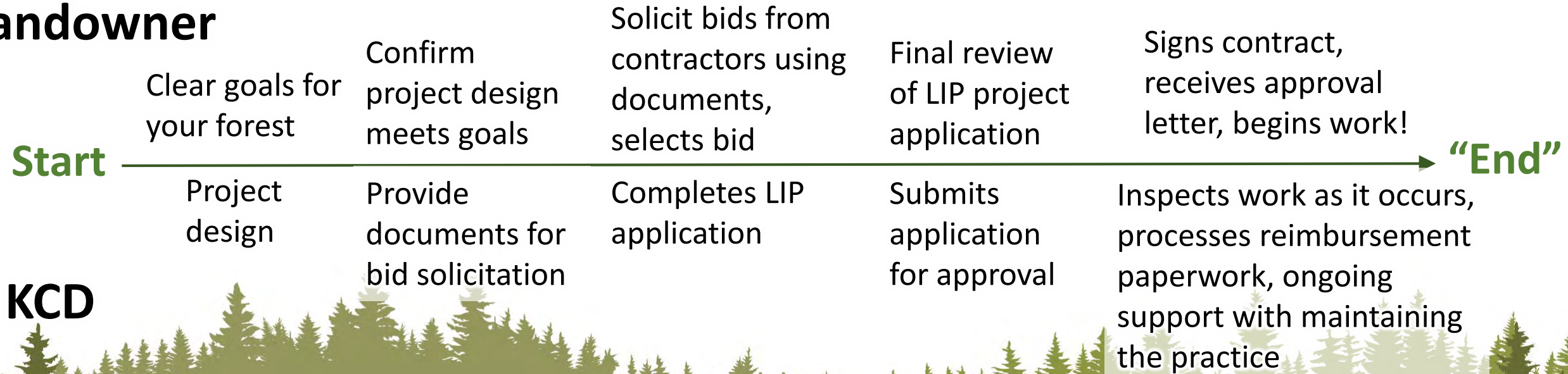
What does project success look like?

- Good control of invasive species
- Successful establishment of plantings
- Good survivorship – 80%
- “Free to grow”
- Landowners as active and engaged stewards



LIP Project Partnership – KCD and Landowner Roles

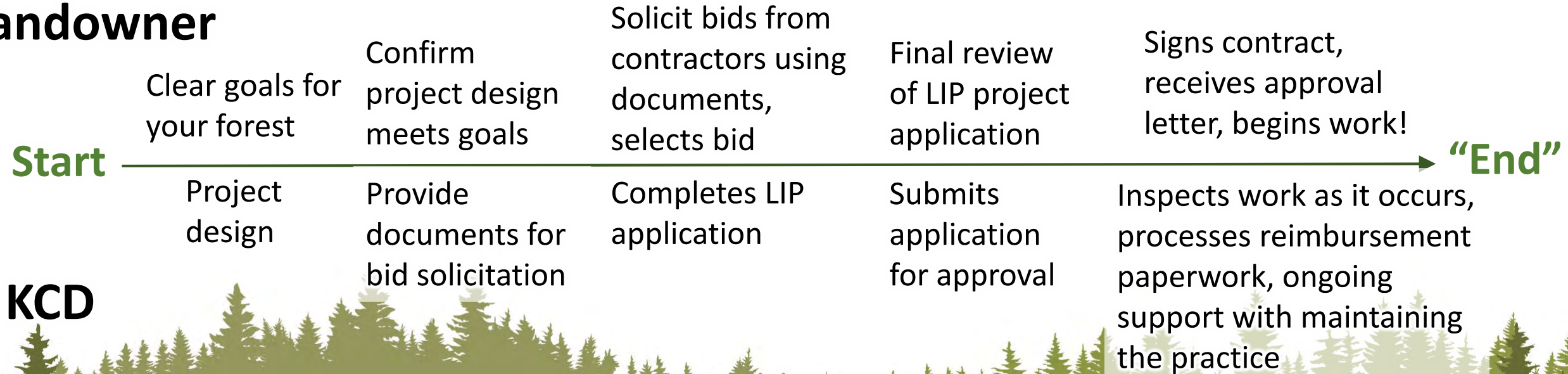
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Project Phase:

Scoping

Bidding

Application

Implementation

Continued maintenance!

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Resources and contacts

Natural Resources Conservation Service – EQIP cost-share

Contact: Josh Himsl – Joshua.Himsl@wa.usda.gov
(253) 256-6744 / (253) 245-0567



King County Forestry Program – Planning assistance, property tax savings

Contact: Wendy Sammarco – WSammarco@kingcounty.gov
(206) 263-6916 / (206) 477-4800



Washington Department of Natural Resources – Planning assistance

Contact: Matt Provencher – Matthew.Provencher@DNR.WA.gov
(360) 902-1494 / (360) 819-7143



WSU Extension Forestry – Planning assistance, educational classes/webinars

Contact: <http://forestry.wsu.edu/nps/>



And of course...KCD! – Planning assistance, LIP cost-share, Technical assistance

Contact: Brett Anderson – Brett.Anderson@KingCD.org
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Thank you!



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