RCW 36.32.570  Conservation area acquisition and maintenance.
The legislative authority of each county may acquire a fee simple
interest, or lesser interest, in conservation areas in the county and
may maintain the conservation areas. The conservation areas may be
acquired and maintained with moneys obtained from the excise tax under
RCW 82.46.070, or any other moneys available for such purposes.
As used in this section, the term "conservation area" means land
and water that has environmental, agricultural, aesthetic, cultural,
scientific, historic, scenic, or low-intensity recreational value for
existing and future generations, and includes, but is not limited to,
open spaces, wetlands, marshes, aquifer recharge areas, shoreline
areas, natural areas, and other lands and waters that are important to
preserve flora and fauna.  [1990 1st ex.s. c 5 § 2.]

Purpose—1990 1st ex.s. c 5: "The purpose of this act is to
provide a mechanism for the acquisition and maintenance of
conservation areas through an orderly process that is approved by the
voters of a county. The authorities provided in this act are
supplemental, and shall not be construed to limit otherwise existing
authorities."  [1990 1st ex.s. c 5 § 1.]