

WRIA 9: Big Spring/Newaukum Creek Acquisitions (Josh Kahan, Parks)

<i>Parks Levy Request</i>	\$210,000
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$210,000 <i>(match is requested Parks Levy funds)</i>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</i>	\$420,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$420,000
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	None
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	None
<i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i>	Yes for current priorities - and there may be additional acquisitions in future

Project Description: Fee simple acquisition of approx 21 acres (2 entire parcels, portion of a third parcel) adding to Big Spring/Newaukum Creek Natural Area north of Enumclaw.

Three target parcels:

- One target would purchase a developable portion of a residential property, protecting forested wetlands along Newaukum Creek, adjacent to Big Spring/Newaukum Creek Natural Area.
- One 4.7-acre undeveloped parcel with mainly wetland conditions, located near the above parcel on Newaukum Creek to facilitate restoration of the site.
- One 5-acre parcel in foreclosure adjacent to county-owned lands at Big Spring Creek, supporting a wetland system that extends across private and public land. Structures would be demolished after acquisition and the site restored.

Habitat Benefit: Acquisitions would preserve open space adjacent to existing natural areas, and/or allow removal of built structures and restoration. Acquisition of a portion of one residential parcel would preserve open space and habitat value of undeveloped part of this property, removing additional development units to prevent further development. Chinook and steelhead spawn and rear along this portion of Newaukum Creek; also there is extensive bird species diversity.

Recreation Benefit: May provide future passive recreation opportunities.

Plan Priority: WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan (WW-15: Develop and implement an acquisition identification and implementation program.)

Greenprint Value: High to Medium-High (ecological).

Parcels included in Scope: 142006-9083 (11 of 16 ac), 142006-9037 (4.7 ac), 142006-9031 (5.0 ac)