

<b>WRIA 9: Black Diamond Natural Area Addition (Ingrid Lundin, Parks)</b>
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<b>Parks Levy Request</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>CFT Request</b> (CFT match status)	<b>\$500,000</b> (match is requested Parks Levy funds)
<b>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</b>	<b>\$580,000</b>

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>\$1,050,000 for current priorities</b>
<b>Funding Already Secured</b>	\$470,000 Parks Levy
<b>Additional Funding Sought</b>	None
<b>Will current funding request allow project completion?</b>	Yes for current priorities – and there may be additional acquisitions in the future

**Project Description: Fee simple acquisition of up to nine target parcels (180 acres) located adjacent to Black Diamond Natural Area, and lying just north of the City of Black Diamond.**

Target parcels are within 243 acres of former Plum Creek forested land (12 parcels) lying between King County Parks' Black Diamond Natural Area and the City of Black Diamond. A company purchased the land in late 2012 (\$1.65M) to harvest the forest and re-sell the properties.

King County has three levels of priority of acquisition:

1. Three parcels at the northwest corner which contain an access road that connects two portions of the Black Diamond Natural Area (a road on which we have no legal access), as well as associated trails used by the public, and upland forest and stream drainages. A bike park on the adjacent Real Life Church land has greatly increased the mountain bike usage in this area.
2. Adjacent six parcels containing wetlands, streams, and a portion of the 123-acre Lake Sonia Bog, and streams. There are also fairly extensive trails through these parcels which connect to trails on Real Life Church and King County land.
3. Also in scope though not targeted for acquisition are the three more developable former Plum Creek parcels and the Real Life Church parcels.

There may be potential for Transfer of Development Rights program involvement as well, transferring the development credits into nearby cities.

**Habitat Benefit:** The site contains upland forest and cleared areas. Forest is overstocked re-growth from earlier harvests, and may well benefit from the current harvest. If working to purchase the land, we may be able to work with owner on replanting. There are wetlands and seasonal drainage on portions of the parcels.

**Recreation Benefit:** Continued ability to use the road and associated trails, connecting two portions of Black Diamond Natural Area.

**Plan Priority:** N/A

**Greenprint Value:** Low to medium-low (as it typical for how Greenprint portrays upland forest)

**Parcels included in Scope:**

**Priority #1:** 022106-9015 (17.8 ac), 022106-9007 (26.3 ac), 022106-9016 (13.2 ac);

**Priority #2:** 022106-9008 (18.7 ac), 022106-9002 (26 ac), 022106-9003 (19 ac), 022106-9004 (19 ac), 022106-9009 (19 ac), 022106-9010 (19.6 ac).

**Also included in scope:** Plum Creek: 022106-9005 (19 ac), 022106-9006 (19 ac), 022106-9012 (25 ac)  
Real Life Church: 022106-9011 (15 ac), 022106-9017 (20 ac), 022106-9018 (17 ac), 022106-9019 (39 ac)