

<b>WRIA 8: Issaquah Creek Conservation (Tom Beavers, Basin Steward)</b>
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<b><i>Parks Levy Request</i></b>	<b>\$600,000</b>
<b><i>CFT Request</i></b> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	<b>\$600,000</b> <i>(match is requested Parks Levy funds)</i>
<b><i>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</i></b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>

<b><i>Total Project Cost</i></b>	<b>\$1,200,000 for acquisition</b>
<b><i>Funding Already Secured</i></b>	None
<b><i>Additional Funding Sought</i></b>	None
<b><i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i></b>	Yes

***Project Description: Acquire 24.7-acre parcel on Issaquah Creek, adding to Middle Issaquah Creek Natural Area.***

This project will be used to protect aquatic and riparian habitat along Issaquah Creek in the upper reach of Issaquah Creek.

The property has been foreclosed and it is now owned by Cathay Bank. The bank wants to divest itself from the property. King County received CFT, Parks Levy, and KCD funding for this property several years ago. An offer was made to the property owner (Mr. Hazan), but a signed Purchase and Sale Agreement was not obtained because of significant differences in value between what the owner wanted and the appraisal. Property negotiations were closed and funds were spent on land and easements just upstream.

Once purchased, King County can surplus a small parcel containing the house, and return the funds back to CFT/Parks Levy.

***Habitat benefit:*** Salmon conservation; Issaquah Creek floodway and floodplain restoration; protection of water quantity, water quality, and aquatic habitat in the Issaquah Creek drainage basin.

Issaquah Creek supports ESA-listed Chinook, char, sockeye, coho, kokanee, steelhead and cutthroat and it is a WRIA 8 core area for Chinook production. The project reach is part of a wildlife corridor that incorporated Tiger Mountain and Squak Mountain State Forests, Taylor Mountain Forest and connect to the City of Seattle watershed.

***Recreation Benefit:*** Passive recreation.

***Plan Priority:*** The project reach has been identified for protection in the Issaquah Basin Plan (1996) and the WRIA 8 Salmon Conservation Plan. This stream reach, identified as Reach 12 in the WRIA 8 Salmon Conservation Plan, stretches from the confluence of Carey and Holder Creeks downstream to where Issaquah Creek crosses the Cedar Grove Road. Acquisition of this property is identified as Projects # I 249 and I 250 in the Salmon Conservation Plan. Further, it is on the 3 year implementation list. It targets properties identified in the Waterways 2000 report and the WRIA 8 Salmon Conservation Plan.

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

***Parcels included in scope:*** 262306-9031. Scope will also other Issaquah Creek parcels.