

WRIA 8: Lower Cedar River Conservation (Tom Beavers, Basin Steward)
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<i>Parks Levy Request</i>	\$600,000
<i>CFT Request</i> <i>(CFT match status)</i>	\$675,000 <i>(match is requested Parks Levy funds)</i>
<i>Subtotal: CFT + Parks Levy Request</i>	\$1,275,000

<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$550,000 for Guise parcel Riverbend: \$6,875,000 acq, \$6,000,000 relocation
<i>Funding Already Secured</i>	\$475k for Guise – CFT, Parks Levy, KCD \$6.75M for RiverBend acquisition – multiple grants, FCZD
<i>Additional Funding Sought</i>	RiverBend – 2013 - \$600k SRFB/PSAR/ Coop Watershed ; 2014 \$1.2M– CFT/Parks Levy, SRFB/PSAR/CW, FCZD 2015 \$1.5M CFT/Parks Levy, SRFB/PSAR, CW, FCZD 2016 \$1.75M CFT/Parks Levy, SRFB/PSAR, CW, FCZD
<i>Will current funding request allow project completion?</i>	Yes for Guise; No for RiverBend

Project Description: Acquire 18.64-acre mobile home park with 87 mobile homes, at RM 7 of the Cedar River; also purchase one 8-acre parcel at RM 10.5.

RiverBend – Purchase property to protect residents from flood dangers and to create important salmon and floodplain habitat. King County has negotiated a purchase and sale agreement for \$6.875M, plans to close on the property by April 30, 2013. Following purchase, King County will hire someone to manage the mobile home park until the tenants can be relocated. Staff anticipates that it will take 3 to 4 years to relocate the tenants. This CFT/Parks Levy request is to start the relocation process (Parks Levy funds will be applied retroactively toward the purchase, freeing up other funds for relocation). Following relocation of the tenants, the existing flood control levee will be set back/removed. The floodplain will be restored.

Guise – After ten years of King County acquisitions, Guise is one of two properties remaining in private ownership behind the WPA revetment, located downstream on the left bank from Rainbow Bend. When Guise and the one additional property have been purchased behind the revetment, this revetment can be removed or set back and floodplain can be restored. Owner intends to sell his property whether KC purchases it or not, and contacted the county first about purchasing the site. Applicant has all but \$75K of the purchase price secured.

Habitat Benefit: Supports future modification or removal of the levee that protects the mobile home park and homes behind the WPA levee. This project will significantly add to the amount of habitat created by the Cedar Rapids and Rainbow Bend project. The floodplain will be restored. This project becomes one of the highest ranking projects in the Cedar River Watershed for Salmon Conservation due to its location in the watershed, and its ability to link up existing Natural Areas. Habitat created will be significant in size and salmonid benefits.

Recreation Benefit: Connects Cavanaugh Pond Natural Area with Ricardi Reach Natural Area and adjacent flood properties at Cedar Rapids. Create parking facilities along the Cedar River Trail. Turn the mobile home park club house into an education/interpretative center. Partner with Parks and Friends of the Cedar River Watershed. The Guise property is surrounded by public property. This acquisition will fill a donut hole.

Plan Priority: Priority in both the WRIA 8 plan and the Flood plan.

Greenprint Value: Values range from Medium-Low to High (ecological).

Parcels included in scope: 242305-9017 (18.64 ac), 292306-9035 (8.33). Others in scope shown on map.